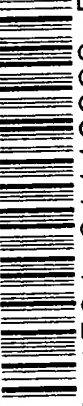


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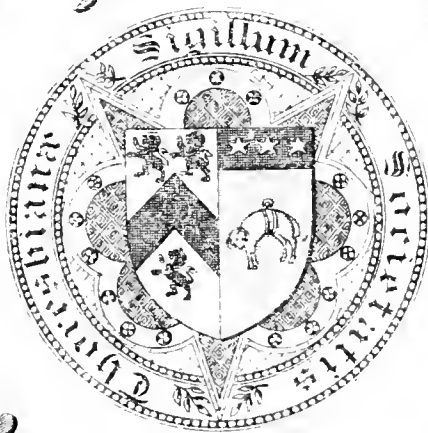






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## PREFACE.

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THIS volume of wills is extracted from the 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th books of the registered copies at the York Probate Registry, extending from the year 1553 to the year 1561. It is the result of numerous visits to York during the last seventeen years.

The earlier wills, contained in vol. xix, published in 1913, numbered 547.

This volume contains 543 wills of testators residing in Leeds and the adjacent towns and villages. The inhabitants had much in common in professions and trades, in intercourse and kinship.

As stated in the preface to vol. xix, the wills were copied in the register books from dictation, and the peculiarity of spelling, repeated in successive wills, indicates that they were written by the same clerk, and in addition, apparently there was no accurate collation.

The preface contains remarks on the distribution of the estates of deceased persons, and other matters to which reference is recommended, and therefore are not repeated here.

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# Testamenta Leodiensia.

EXTRACTED FROM THE PROBATE REGISTRY AT YORK.

## PERCIVAL LYNLEY, OF PONTEFRACT.

(xiv. 10 b.)

In the name of God Amen: in the yere of oure lorde God a thousand fyve hundreth fiftie and thre, the xxij day of Aprile. I P'cevall Lynley, of Pontefracte, seke in bodie and holl of mynde and memorie, make this my last will and testament in mann' and forme followinge. Firste I bequeath my saull vnto almighty God, to oure ladie sancte Marie and all the holie company of heaven, and my bodie to be buried where it shall please God to take me to his mercie. Also I bequeath to Thomas my sonne my best jackett and to Thomas and John my sons my towe beste dublette. Also I bequest to John my sonne my varrant curtall nagge. Also I bequeath to Jennet Anderson x<sup>s</sup> and my jackett. And the Residue of my goode vnbequeathed over and besides my wives parte I giue vnto Thomas Lynley and John Lynley my sonnes and Jennet Lynley my doughter, whome I make myne executors of this my last will and testament. Also I constitute and make William Lynley, of Dunynghawe, and Thomas Gawthorpe, of Tadcaster, supvisors of this my last will. Thes beinge witness', S<sup>r</sup> Giles Scott, vicare of Tadcaster, Amer Denton, Robert Bikerton, Roger Pickeringe, Henrie Mawe, Robert Henrison, and Thomas Elles, with other as Thomas Gawthorpe.—[*Proved 6 June, 1554, by Wm. Lynley and Thomas Gawthorpe, curators of Thomas Lynley, John Lynley, and Jane Lynley, minors.*]

## GEORGE LOWCOKE, OF ABERFORTH.

(xiv. 11 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the last daye of November, the yere of oure lorde God a thousande fyve hundreth fiftie and thre. I Georgie Lowcoke, of Abberforth, holl of mynde and seke of bodye, ordaneth and maketh this my testament and last will in forme and manner thus followinge. First I bequeath my soull to Almighty God and to all the celestiaall company in heaven. Secundlie, my bodie to be buried in my pishe church yerde in Abberforde. Thirdlie, I bequeath to William myne eldest sone that power payment that belongeth to my bodie. The reste of my goode, my dette paid and my buriaall dischargd, I giue frelie to Agnes my wif and to Thomas, William, and Mathue, my children, to be equally devided emonge them all, whome I make Executors of this my testament and last will. Recordes herof, Robert Smith and Leonarde Lowcoke, with other. —[*Proved 13 June, 1554, by the widow, grant reserved to the other executors, minors.*]

## WILLIAM PICKARD, OF MENSTON.

(xiv. 10 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xxvj<sup>th</sup> day of February in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord God a thowsand fyve hundryth fiftie and thre. I Wiłm Pickard, of Menston in the countie of Yorke, beinge of good and perfite memory, makes this my Last will and testament in man' and furne folowinge. Firste I comende my soulle vnto Allmightie God my maker and redemer, and to o<sup>r</sup> Ladye Sancte Mary and to all the holy company of heaven, and my body to be buryed within my pishe churchē yearde of Otley. Item I will that my dettē be paide and my body honestly brought furthe of my holle goodē. Item I will that the Residewe of my said goodē be equallye devided betwixt Jenett my wyffe and Xpofer my sonne, whome I maike my full and lawfull executors of this my last will, thes beinge wytnes, Anthone Steade, Richard Parker, James Roodē, w<sup>th</sup> other moo. Item I maike Xpofer Pykerd my brother and William Pickerd his sonne the supvisorē of this my last will and testament.—[*Proved 6 March, 1555.*]

## CHRISTOPHER ALLAN.

(xiv. 23 b.)

This ys the will of Xpofer Allane, written the x<sup>th</sup> day of February in the vj yere of the Reigne of Edward the sixt. First I bequithe my sowle vnto the father of heaven, and my body to be buryed wythin the churchē or churchē yearde of Waikfeild, moreover I doo maike my twoo sonnes my hole executore of all my goode, my debte paid and I brought forth of my goode, my will is that all my tackē shall goo to my twoo sonnes, that is to Johne Allane and Bryane Allane, to bring them vppe w<sup>th</sup>all. Moreover I doo maike Richard Allane and Roger Allane the supvisorē of my will. My will ys that Richard Allane and Roger Allane shall haue the gou'naunce of my twoo sonnes, and thare goodē and tackē the wiche I haue geven vnto them. Dettē that I the said Xpofer Allan doth owe: In primis to M<sup>r</sup> Bayles v<sup>li</sup>, to Roger Allane xij<sup>s</sup>, and to the said Roger xv<sup>s</sup>. I thinge that I owe Françe Graunt xx<sup>s</sup>. Dettē that I the said Xpofer ys owne: Item Anthony Franke xij<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, Robert Tempest iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>, Johne Tempest iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>, Richard Sharp x<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, Thomas Sotheren v<sup>li</sup>, Richard Achinson x<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, Henry Todde x<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, Johne Leke x<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, Brian Walker v<sup>s</sup>, Robert Eden vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, Richard Barber ij<sup>s</sup> vij<sup>d</sup>, Johne Smythson xx<sup>s</sup>. I for gyve rest, Johne Laike of Normanton iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>, Johne Cowp xxx<sup>s</sup>, and of that I haue as moche of him as drew xij<sup>s</sup> so ther is bott xvij<sup>s</sup>. Also I did pay vnto s<sup>r</sup> Johne Tempest by the counsell of my maister v<sup>li</sup>, and that was that I shulde have one Lease of the Erel shyngē for x yeres whan ys pattane bare effect, that is to saye whan my M<sup>r</sup> pattane was expressed and done the w<sup>ch</sup> v<sup>li</sup> Richard Ellys delyu'ed for me vnto the said S<sup>r</sup> Johne Tempest at Doncaster and at the same tymes I the said Xpofer did go for the said S<sup>r</sup> Johne w<sup>th</sup> my M<sup>r</sup> to the borders of Barwycke of my nowne proper coste and charge having no penny of the Kingē wages.—[*No grant.*]

## ROBERT ENGLAND, OF GILDERSOME.

(xiv. 30 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the yere of o<sup>r</sup> Lord god a thowsand five hundrithe fiftie and five, the xx<sup>th</sup> daye of Marche. I Robert England,

of Gildersu' w<sup>th</sup>in the pishe of Batleye, of good and hoole mynd, dothe make this my last will and Testament as hereafter dothe appere. First and principallie I give and bequethe my sowle to God almightie the father eternall, and to o<sup>r</sup> blissed ladie sanete Marie the glorius Virgin, and to all the hollie companie of heaven throughe the moost dredde and most mornfull Lorde dere Jesus Christe, and my bodie to be buried in the pishe church e yerde of all hallowes at Batleye. Also I give and bequethe to the Church e of Batleye xij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I give and bequethe to Elisabethe England, my sonne doughter, one yonge whie stirke and she to be put to the moost profecte of the madyn. It'm I give and bequethe to Agnes my doughter one cove or xx<sup>s</sup> of moneye besides her childes por<sup>cion</sup>. It'm I give and bequethe vnto William my sonne one howse and one crofte w<sup>ch</sup> is now e in the vse and occupa<sup>cion</sup> of Henrie Longley and Elyn his wief, and also the feld land that the said Henrie dothe occupie w<sup>th</sup> tow doyles in Nepshawe painge the Lordes rent for the said doiles. Furthermore the foresaid Henrie shall enioye and occupie the foresaid howse and Tenement the space of iiij yeres after my dethe painge v<sup>s</sup> in a yere vnto the foresaid William my sonne at the iiij yeres end, then the said William my sonne shall enter vnto the foresaid howse duringe his naturall Liffe. It'm I give and bequethe vnto John my son one donne horse or a marke of moneye besides his childes por<sup>cion</sup>. Furder I make Elisabethe my wief my hole executrix, to have the thirde of all my goddes after that my dette be paid, painge thes my v children ther childes por<sup>cions</sup>. Thes be the names of my children that shall receave my goodes: James, William, John, Robert, and Agnes, to have ther p<sup>tes</sup> as it shall come to more over the rever<sup>cion</sup> of my no<sup>me</sup> pte after the funerall expens<sup>e</sup> be paid shall retorne vnto Eliz<sup>e</sup> my wief, William, John, and Agnes, also that thes my three children shall have thes my legacies that as herebefore rehersed, and that Adam my son and heire shall have my landes as testifieth above wryten, further Adame my sonne and heire shall give Agnes my doughter xx<sup>s</sup> of lawfull moneye at my desier, and so Eliz<sup>e</sup> my doughter that is maried havinge her childes por<sup>cion</sup> shall have one iron roughe to give vnto his son Robert after her deccasse. Thes beinge wytnesse, Willfraye Rayner and James Croft, w<sup>th</sup> other moo.—[*Proved 2 May. 1565.*]

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THOMAS BURTON, CLERKE.

(xiv. 35 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxix daye of Aprill in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord God 1555. I Thomas Burton, clerke, sumtyme fellowe in the Trinitie colledge in Pomfracte laite suppressed, of hoole mynde and saif memorie, thanke be vnto almightie God, makes this my last will and testament in manner and furme followinge. Firste I bequethe my sowle vnto almightie God my onelie Sauior and Reademer, to o<sup>r</sup> blissed ladie sanete Marie, and to all the Celestiall companie of heaven, and my bodie to be buried in the church e yerde of Metheleye so nye vnto my father and mother as maye convenientlie be, and at the daye of my buriall to have masse and derige songe w<sup>th</sup> all other suffrages therunto belonginge. It'm I give to the Repa<sup>cons</sup> of Meatheley church e iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I will that at the daye of my buriall to be distributed vnto the pow<sup>r</sup> people

xl<sup>s</sup>. It'm I give to Richard Hautthame, to Richard Spence, and to Thomas Slakke my godsonnes, everie one of them iiij<sup>d</sup> apeice. It'm I give to everie one of my brother Cherles children, of Badley, v<sup>s</sup> a peece. It'm I give to my brother Cherles wief an angell noble. It'm I give to my sister fortune and her children equallie to be deuided emongst them xl<sup>s</sup>. It'm I give to my brother Robert children everie one of them xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup> a peece. It'm I give to Eliz<sup>r</sup> Atkinson, my brother William doughter, iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I give to everie of my brethren William and Ellis children v<sup>s</sup> a peece. It'm I give to Richard Burtonne, sonne vnto my brother William, frelie vnto him and his heires of his bodie lawfullie begotten my howse in Pomfracte w<sup>t</sup> all the appurteñnce therunto belonginge for ever. And yf yt fortune the aforesaid Richard to discease w<sup>t</sup>owte yshowe then I woll that it goo to Robert Burton, son to my brother William aforesaid, and to his heires of his bodie lawfullie begotten and so furthw<sup>t</sup> all the rest. Also I do give to William and Ellis wiefes ather of them an angell noble. It'm I give to my brother S<sup>r</sup> Richard Burton my best cappe, my worset jacket, and my sarcenet tippet. It'm I give to my suster Agnes Smithe x<sup>s</sup>. It'm I give to S<sup>r</sup> Roger Marshall, to S<sup>r</sup> Johnne Dickson, and to S<sup>r</sup> Johnne Soresbie everie one of them iiij<sup>s</sup> a peece. It'm I give to the buildinge of Meatheleye Brigge xx<sup>s</sup>. It'm I give to everie one of the brethren and sisters in the Trinitie colledge in Pomfracte w<sup>t</sup> ther too s<sup>r</sup>untē xij<sup>d</sup> a peece. It'm I woll that my brother S<sup>r</sup> Richard Burton be my Superuisor of this my last will and testament to see that it be fulfilled, and he to have for his panes my old riallē. The residewe of all my goodes not above given, my debtē paid, my legacies fulfilled, and my funerallē discharged, I give to William Burtunne and Ellis Burton, my brethren, whome I do make my full executors of this my last will and testament, to dispose for the healthe of my soule as shall please almightie God and them. Thees wytness<sup>r</sup>. S<sup>r</sup> Antonie Askh'm, p<sup>r</sup>sonne of Methelēye, S<sup>r</sup> Richard Shanne, Gilbert Nunnes, and Robert Gamble, w<sup>t</sup> other.—[*Proved 12 May, 1555.*]

GEORGE CAWOOD, OF NEWTON KYME.

(xiv. 50 b.)

In the name of God Amen : I George Cawode, of the perishe of Newton Kyme, in perfect mynde and good remembraunce, in the firste day of September in the yere of our lord god a thowsand fyve hundrythe fyftie and foure, make my Testament and last will in man<sup>r</sup> and furme folowinge. Fyrste I bequythe my soulle to almighti God my maker and to his onely sonne J<sup>h</sup>u Chryste my Lorde and Redemer, in whome I put my hole hope and truste of my saluacyon throughe the merite of his blyssid passion. Also I bequythe my body to be buryed in the kirke garthe of the forsaide Newton. Also I bequythe for the adorninge of the Church xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequythe to Alison my wyffe the hole intereste of my fermeholde for terme of her Lyfe so that she kepe her self widowe, and after hir wydohode or terme of her lyfe I bequythe to Christofer my sonne my hole intereste therof. Also I bequythe to Agnes my dowghter xx<sup>s</sup>, to Janet my doughter xx<sup>s</sup>, to Katheryne my dowghter xx<sup>s</sup>, to Richard Wyley my nevie iij<sup>li</sup> v<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> to be payd by the handes of Christofer Cawod my sonne at his mariage. Also I bequythe to Sicile



my doughter xx<sup>s</sup> for her childe's portion w<sup>th</sup> the w<sup>ch</sup> she was well contented and satisfied before the wytness<sup>s</sup> of this will. Also I bequythe to eu'y god childe I haue iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequythe to eu'y cotage w<sup>th</sup>in the pish<sup>e</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequythe to Richard Cawodde a frese cote, to Johne Baringh'm, to Thomas Wrey, and to Johne Wrey, of Clifford, as moche frese as shalbe sufficient to maike eu'y one of them an honest cote. Also I bequythe to Alison my wyfe all my other good<sup>e</sup> bothe moveable and vnmoueable, whome I maike ful executrix of this my last will; and ou'seers of the same, Christofer Cawod, Thomas Carbot, and Wiłm Wytkinson, my sonnes, to whome for thare paynes I bequythe xx<sup>s</sup> a pece. Wytness<sup>s</sup> hereof, Johne Arthington, Richard Shipley, and Johne Vicars. —[*Proved 11 Oct., 1554.*]

## RALPH HORSMAN, OF MONK FRYSTON.

(xiv. 36 a.)

In the name of God Amen: written at Monke friston the xth daye of November in the yere of oure lorde God a thousande fyve hundrethe liij, that I Rauf Horsman, of the said towne, holl of mynde and goode and pfite remembrance, thank<sup>e</sup> be vnto God, beinge seke in my bodie ordaneth and makith this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. Firste I bequeath my soull vnto god almightie, oure ladie sancte Marie, and to all the celestially company of heaven, and my bodie to be buried within the church of oure blissed ladie at Monke friston aforesaid if it shall please god to call me to his mercie at this present tyme. Item I bequeath vnto Katheryn my wif my best bounde wayne, foure of the best yock<sup>e</sup> and teames, a ploughe and foure of my best oxen, towe kie, and my blake horse, and vnto my said wif in full recompence and satisfaction of her thirde of all my landes, tenement<sup>e</sup>, and Leases at Hilton all suche leases as I haue in the lordshippes of Friston, Hamleton, Hadel-sais, and Birkyn duringe here naturall lif. And if it shall fortune the saide Katheryne to die before the said leases or any of theme be determyned and ended, or that she will not contente here self with this said legacie, then I will that all the said leases shall go to the onlie vse and proffett of Leonarde my sonne, and she to take that at the lawe will appoynte here. Item I giue vnto William my sonne all my leases that I haue at Hilton. Item I giue vnto Leonarde my sonne all the annuall rent<sup>e</sup>, issues, and proffett<sup>e</sup> growinge or comynge of all my landes at Hilton aforesaid duringe the space of xj yeres next and immediatelic followinge after my deathe, and also vnto the said Leonarde I giue iiij<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue vnto John Horsman my brother half an old aungell. Item I giue vnto S<sup>r</sup> Richarde Jennynge iijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue vnto S<sup>r</sup> William Gibson ijs. Item I giue vnto John Meth'm xij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue vnto John Lambert iiij yewes and viij<sup>s</sup> that are in his hande. Item I giue vnto Adam Lambert a whitheded quye that hath had but one calf and ij yewes. Item I giue vnto Agnes Carnabie vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> and one yewe. Item I giue to everie serunte that shalbe with me the daye of my death viij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue vnto all myne owne children and to William Nutt and Alice Nutt tenne sheppe whiche is in Robert Beaman kepinge at Gateforde. Item I will that Laurence S<sup>r</sup>u<sup>n</sup>te of Mash'm shall have the governance, ruyll, and kepinge of Leonarde my sonne and all his goodes to he come to his full

adge of xxj yerres, and the said Laurence to haue for his paynes takinge about the premisses one old aungell and a gold ryngē that was myne vnclēs, whiche ryngē he shall haue but duringe his naturall lif, and after his decease I giue it vnto William my sonne if he shalbe then livinge, and if he be deceased then to the next of my kynne beinge men or men children. Item I will that Alan Horseman, of Hilton, shall haue the governance, rewill, and kepinge of William my sone and all his goodes to he come to the adge of xxj yerres, and the said Alan to haue for his paynes takinge aboute the premisses one old aungell. Item I will that the said Laurence and Alan shall haue to there proper vses all the annual rentē, issues, proffette, comyng or growinge of all my lande and leases at Hilton solonge as they shall fynde my sonnes at Scolē notwithstandinge my former legacie of the said annuall rentē to them before graunted. Forthermore I will that if the said Laurence and Alan shall thinke it convenient when my said sonnes shall come to lafull yerres of discretion to putt theme to be prentice with the assent and consent of the supvisore of this my will and testament, then immediatelic after my said sonnes be bounde prentice I will that the aforsaid annuall rentē shalbe converted and go to the onelic vse and proffett of my said sonnes equally to they come to there full age. Item I giue vnto William my sonne tenne of the beste oke trees in the garth. Item I giue vnto Leonarde my sonne all my booke if he shall chaunce to be learned and be preste, or els to any childe that William my sone shall haue to be learned and be preste, or els to any child of the said Leonarde that shalbe preste. Item I will that Jennet my doughter and all here goodē shalbe at the rewill, governance, and kepinge of Richarde Beckwith, of Nutwithcote in the pishe of Mash'm, here grandfather, to she come to age of xx yerres or els be married, and he to haue for his paynes takinge an olde aungell. And if the said Richarde will not haue here then I will that John Horsman my brother haue here and all here goodes as is aforsaid with the aungell that my said father in lawe shulde have hade, and if the said Richarde Beckwith will take vpon hyme the rewill of my saide doughter then I giue to his wif half an olde aungell. Item I giue vnto Isabell my suster vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue vnto John Mettam wif iij<sup>s</sup> iijj<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue vnto William Nutte thirtie of the best trees in the garthe after terme of the beste of all the saide trees be taken forth if the said William Nutte do not vex or troble nor aske accompte of my executors for rentē of his lande or repacions of his howses, and if he vex or troble them then this legacie to be void. Item I will that everie one of the psons afore named that shall haue the Rewill and governance of my saide children shall fynde sufficient sureties to be bounde for the redeliverie of all my childer's goodes as everie one of theme shall come to ther lafull age as is aforsaide. And further I will and desier that the supvisors of this my will shall forsee that it be substancially done and that this my will shall not be approbate withoute they be at the approbacion therof. Item I giue vnto William Wilson, of Monkefriston, and to Ottuell Metcalf, whom I ordre and make the supvisors of this my testament and last will, and they to se as moche as the lawe will admitt theme that my children haue ther right in everie behalf and either of theme to haue for ther paynes to be taken in and aboute the same one old aungell, and ther chardges to be borne at all tymes. Item I will that if theye

that hath the rewill and kepinge of my said children have any vexacion or troble in or aboute theme that they haue there costes and chardges borne at all tymes. The Residue of all my goodes not bequest, my dette paid and my funerall discharged, I giue and bequeath theme vnto William and Leonarde my sonnes and Jennet my doughter, whome I orde and make my full and lafull executors of this my last will and testament that it be fulfilled in everie article with effecte. Thes beinge witnesses, William Wilson, Sr William Gibson, preste, Sr Richarde Jennynge, preste, Laurence Servante, and Alan Horseman, with other moo.—[*Proved 25 April, 1554, by Richard Beckwith, Alan Horsman, and Laurence Servante, guardians of the children of deceased during minority.*]<sup>1</sup>

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WILLIAM NELSTROP, OF HUDDLESTONE.

(xiv. 61 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the eight daye of Septembre in the yere of oure lorde gode a thousande fyve hundrethe fiftie and thre. I William Nelstroe, of Huddilston in the pishe of Sherborne, holl of mynde and of pfit remembrance, make this my testament and last will in manner and forme followinge. Firste I giue and bequeath my soull to almightie God, requiring oure ladie sancte Marie and all the holie company of heaven to be mediators for me, and my bodie to be buried within the pish church yeerde of all sanct in Sherborne nye vnto my father and mother. Item I giue and bequeath vnto the blissed sacrament for my tithes negligentelic forgotten iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue to Wilfride Nelstroe my sonne a blake cowe grete with calf. Item I giue to the saide Wilfride one acre of whete and one acre of barlie to be sowene this next yere. Item I will that Henrie Nelstroe my sonne in full recompensacion of certan goodes geven vnto hym by the late vicare of Ledsame, Mr Wilkynson, and other his frendes, which stoke of goodes and the proffete therof I haue alwaies hetherto receyved and converted to myne owne vse shall haue viij<sup>th</sup> oxen, one yren bounde wayne, the best thre kien, ij quyes, and a yonge baye mare and seven store shepe. And I confesse and declare this to be his owne propre goodes geven vnto hym by his forsaid frendes. Item I giue to Lionell Nelstroppe, William Laiklande, Chrofer Wikynson, and to William Nelstroe the yonger everie on of them a yonge quye. Item I giue to Elen and Anne Nelstroe my doughters everie of them a yewe and a lambe. Item I giue to William Nelstroe, Anthony sonne, one yewe lambe. Item I giue to Sr John Talior xij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue to Sr Robert Blaunche xij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue to Richarde Henrison and to Sr Mathewe Smythson to either of theme iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>, who I ordane, constitute, and make supviso<sup>r</sup>s of this my last will and testament to se the same pformed and fulfilled. The Residue of all my goodes, my dette and legace paide and my bodie honestlic brought forthe, I giue to Elisabeth my wif who I make my sole executrix of this my last will and testament. Witnesses herof, Sr Mathue Smythson, my curate, Sr John Talior, Sr Robert Blaunche, preste, John Foxam, Laurence Turpyn, Robert Burman John Denes, with other.—[*Proved 21 April, 1554.*]

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(1) For the will of John Henrison of Gipton, proved 13th April, 1554, see *ante*, vol. xv, p. 3.

## THOMAS JOHNSON, OF HAZLEWOOD.

(xiv. 63 b.)

In the name of God Amen: I Thomas Johnson, of Hessilwode, beinge somewhat deseased in my bodie, nevertheles holl and pfitt in my memorie, the xxij daye of Aprile in the yere of oure Lorde god a m<sup>l</sup>v<sup>cl</sup>ij, make this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge, that is to saye. First I bequeath my soull to almightie God and to the merite of Christe passion, oure redemer, and my body to be buried in the church of Hleswode before the chauncell dores. Also I bequeithe to v power people everie of theme ij<sup>d</sup> and ther dynner at the daye of my buriall. Item I bequeath my grett caldron of brasse to Christabell my doughter to here marriedge and to be delyu'ed vnto her the daye of her marriedge or els if she shall forton to die before she be married then I will that the same caldron shalbe disposed emong my thre children or doughters Elisabeth, Dorotheie, and Philipe. Item I bequeath to Ch̄ofer Settle and my doughter his wif xl<sup>s</sup> in money or els xx<sup>tie</sup> shepe which of theme he will choise, and also a milke cowe for his por̄con and hers. Item to John Settle, the same Ch̄ofer sonne, a yewe and a lambe, and to Robert Settle, his other sonne, a nother yewe and lambe. Item to the said Ch̄ofer I giue my best grene cote. Item I bequeath to my wif Agnes ij brase pottē, one of the best sorte and a nother of the secunde sorte. Item to my doughter Elisabeth a brase pott next the beste pott, and to Dorotheie and Philipe either of theme a brase pott. Item I bequeath to Dorotheie, my eldest doughter, for her full portion of my goodes, tenne gymber shet [*sic*] and one quye stirke. Item I bequeath to my doughter Ch̄obell and Elisabeth either of theme a mattres with a coverlett and a pare of shette and a bolster. Item all my pewther vessell to be devided indifferentelie betwene my wif and my foure doughters Ch̄obell, Elisabeth, Dorotheie, and Philippe. The Residue of all my goodes not bequeathed, after my dettē, legacies, and funerall expenses paid and discharged, I giue and bequeath to my saide wif and foure yonger doughters, whome I make and constitute to be my executors of this present will at the oversight and survio<sup>r</sup> of my M<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup> William Vaviso<sup>r</sup>, knyght, whome I make and ordane to be survio<sup>r</sup> of the same and to se all thinge mynistred accordinge to this my will. Thes be the dettē that I owe: First to Roger Dynley v<sup>s</sup>. To Anthony Wharton for corne viij<sup>s</sup> ij<sup>d</sup>. Item to Richarde Gryme for a rente of half a tith to be due for a half yere at Lambmes. Witnesses, S<sup>r</sup> William Vavaso<sup>r</sup>, knyght, Rauf Wren, Esquier, and S<sup>r</sup> John Mores, prest, with other moo as Laurence Atkynson and John Woode.—[*Proved 24 April, 1554, by the widow, grant reserved to the children.*]

PERCIVAL FRANK, OF PONTEFRAC<sup>t</sup>.<sup>1</sup>

(xiv. 64 a.)

In the name of God Amen: I Parcivall Franke, of Pontefracte in the countie of [York], gentleman, beinge holl of mynde and pfite remembrance, xxvj daye of Auguste in the firste yere of the Reigne of oure moste Sovereign ladie Marie by the grace of God of Englande, Fraunce, and

(1) He heads the pedigree in *Dugdale's Visitation*, ed. J. W. Clay, vol. iii, p. 178.

Irelande quene, defender of the faith, doth make this my last will or testament in this manner and forme followinge. Firste I bequeath my soull to Almighty God my redemer and Savio<sup>r</sup>, and my bodie to be buried wher it shall please myne executors. Also I bequeath to Jane my wif a lease of Castleforth ynge and Allerton ynge duringe the yeres contened in the said leace, and after the deceesse of my wif the said leace to remayne to my children. Also I giue to the said Jane the copie of my house with all thinge therto belonginge and after her deceesse to my children. Also I giue to the said Jane my lease that I haue by Lionell Cragge of the close called the preyle and my wif to paye to John Ricarde wif, of Pollington, called Agnes Ricarde, xxxiijs iiij<sup>d</sup> by yere duringe fyve yeres, and if she die within the said yeres then I will that Oswald Ricarde, of Hecke, haue the rest of the saide if any be vnpaid, and to putt it to such vse as they and I haue hade covcacion of and the first payment to begyne at suche tyme as my wif dothe entre to the saide close called the preyle. Also I bequeath to my suster Jennet Walles a bill lienge in my Caskett at Barwike to receyve all thinge contened therin of Robert Browne, of Horneclif, that is to saye, three barrell<sup>e</sup> of salmon and xxxiijs iiij<sup>d</sup> in money, and my suster to paye all suche chardges as I haue been at aboute her waters at Barwike as it shall appere by a booke. Also I bequeathe to my se<sup>r</sup>unte Elisabeth Skynner xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeath to my curate S<sup>r</sup> William Chamber xvj<sup>d</sup>. The Residue of all other my goodes not bequeste I will that they be at the ordre of Jane my wif, Henrie and John my sonnes, Jane and Isabell my daughters, whome I make my holl executors joyntelic together. Also I will that Oswald Ricarde and William Adam shalbe the supvisors of this my will and either of theme to haue for ther paynes takinge v<sup>s</sup>. In witnes herof, S<sup>r</sup> John Barker, vicare of Pontefracte, S<sup>r</sup> Richarde Rideall, preste, Thomas Edrington, alderman, John Jackson the elder, William Calbeke, Robt. Bleyshie, and my curate S<sup>r</sup> Wi<sup>l</sup>hm Chambre.—[*Proved 26 April, 1554, by the widow, grant reserved to the children.*]

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ROBERT TURPIN, OF TOWTON.

(xiv. 70 b.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the viij<sup>th</sup> daye of Auguste in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> Lorde god a thowsand fyve hundreth fiftie and one. I Robert Turpyn, of Towton in the countie of Yorke, husbandman, hoole of mynde and of good memorye, loved be god, maketh my laste will and testam<sup>t</sup> in manner and forme following. Furst I give and witte my soule to allmightie God, to our blessed Lady sanct Marye, and to all the celestiall companye of heaven, and my bodye to be buryed within the parishe churche or churche yerde of Saxton. Also I give and bequeth all my goodes, my dettes paid, to Eliz. Turpyn my wife, George Turpyn, Alexander Turpyn, and Frauncys Turpyn, my chylder, whome I ordeyn and make my full executors of this my last will and Testamente, and theye to bringe me furthe honestlye and dispose for the healthe of my soule after their discretions. In wytnes hereof, George Parkar and Alexander Lacocke, w<sup>th</sup> other moo. [*Proved 18 Jan., 155(? 4), by Alexander Laicocke, Thomas Turpyn, and Robert Turpyn, guardians of children during minority. Grant reserved to the other executor.*]

## WILLIAM SCOLES, OF THORPE ON THE HILL.

(xiv. 75 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xxij<sup>th</sup> daye of Auguste in the yere of our Lorde God, 1555, wytnesseth that I Wiſhm Scoles, of Thorpe of the hill in the parishing of Rothwell in the Coūtie of Yorke, Clothyar, hole and perfite of mynde and memorye, makes this my laste will and testamente in manner and forme following, that is to saye, furst I bequeathe and geve my soule vnto Allmightie god, and my bodye to be buryed w<sup>th</sup>in the Churche yerde of the hooly Trynitie in Rothwell aforesaid. Also I bequeth to the holye sacramente their xij<sup>d</sup>. Item I bequeth to the poore people of the said parishing in Almes xij<sup>d</sup>. It'm towards the building of Methley bridge vj<sup>d</sup>. It I bequeth to Wiſhm Scoles and John Scoles my sonnes my broode lowme w<sup>l</sup> horne wheles, baretrees, and yeaes pteyning the same, and also two paire of the beste sheres vppon condiçon that if the said Wiſhm and John do learne and teache there yonger bretherne there occupaçon, otherwise that said Wiſhm and John my sonnes shall not clayme nor taikē the same lowme, sheres, and other the p'misses perteyning the same as my parte of this my laste will w<sup>th</sup>out the goodwill of Jennet Scoles now my wife. Also I bequethe vnto Richarde Scoles and Vmfrey Scoles my yonger sonnes other ij paire of sheres. Also I bequeth to Jennet Scoles my doughter one greate panne to be taken after the deathe of the same Jennet Scoles my said wif. Also I will and give by this my last will and testamente the residewe of all my goodes moveable and vnmovēable vnto the same Jennet Scoles my said wyf, my dettes, childe porçons, and the funerall charges and expenses y<sup>e</sup> of paide and donne according to the lawes of this realme. In wytnesse wherof I the same Wiſhm Scoles vnto this my laste will and testamente haue setto my marke the daye and yere abouesaide in the p'sence of Wyſhm Gascoyne thelder, Wyſhm Gascoigne the yonger, Laurence Gascoigne, Raif Scholes, George Scoles, John Armington, and others than and their being presente.—  
[Proved 31 Oct., 1555.]

## JOHN BRADLEY, OF LEATHLEY.

(xiv. 92 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the yere of our Lord God m<sup>l</sup>ccccclij and the furst day of M<sup>c</sup>he. I John Bradlaye, of Leithlay, seeke of bodye and hole in mynde withe perfite remembraunce, make this my laste will and testament as hereafter dothe followe. Furst and before all thinge I give and comyt my soule to Allmyghtye God, to our ladye sanet Marye, and to all the holye company of heaven, and my bodye to be buryed in my pyshe churchē yerde of Leathelye aforesaid. Also I will that my cosyn Thom's Bradlay shall haue the order of my sonne James Bradleye till he come to lawfull yeaes so that the goode and childe parte of the said James shall still remayne w<sup>th</sup> his moth' duryng the said terme, and the said Thom's Bradley to haue his costē and charge borne when he dothe labor in any matters of the said James. Also I will that my children shall have there childe porçons according to the dew order of the lawe. Also I will that Margaret my wyfe and James my sonne shall be myne executors jointly together, and after my dette paid and fun'all charge borne, my sade wyfe and my said sonne to devyde the reste of my goodē equally bequixte them.

These witness's, Myles Walkar, clarke, p'son there, WyHm Sadler, Thom's Forrest, junior, P'sevall Mason, Thom's Bradley, Omfrey Hodgessonne, wythe other mo.—[*Proved 4 Dec., 1553 [sic]*].

THOMAS HORNER, OF WESTON.

(xiv. 93a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the yeaere of our Lorde m<sup>l</sup>ccccliiij and the xxviij<sup>th</sup> day of Aprell. I Thom's Horner, of the pishe of Weston, hole of mynde and p'fite memorye, ordenythe and makē this to be my laste will and testament in manner and forme as dothe followe. Furst I bequeathe my soule to Allmightie God, and my bodie to be earthed within the churchyard in Weston. Also I give to my dame Banton one stone of wolle. It'm to Jennet Hewit one stone of wolle. It'm to Jennet Mawson one stone of wolle. It'm I give to Agnes Banton iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I geve to Izabell Wodde, of Myddleton, iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I give to the mending of the hye waye vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> at the discreçon of my m<sup>r</sup> and my curate. It'm I give to Thomas Standforthe my best paire of hoosen. It' to lytle Henry vj<sup>d</sup>. It'm to euery one of my m<sup>r</sup>'s s'vauntē iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm to Henry Oldered, of Denton, one hole rayment at the discreçon of my m<sup>r</sup> Banton. It' George Mawson iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm to Richard Oldred wyfe ij yardē of white-clothe. It'm to Agnes White ij yardē clothe. It'm James Braywhait iij<sup>s</sup>. It'm to Agnes Thomas iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm Water Steid wyfe iiij<sup>d</sup>. It' to Bollande wyfe iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm to Harryson wyfe iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm to Agnes Wodde iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm to my curate iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm to s<sup>r</sup> Thom's, of Denton, vj<sup>d</sup>. It'm to Willyam Thomson wife vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It'm to Thom's Plomland vj<sup>s</sup> being in the handē of WiHm Slater, of Denton. It'm I geve to my syster Thackwarre vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, and to ether of her childer vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> yf my goodē will extende so farre. The residew of my goodē vnbequest I give to Costan Banton and to Samson Horner my brother sonne, whome I do make myne executors of this my last will, and they to dispose it for my soules helthe at the discreçon of [*sic*]. These being witnesses, Edward Mawson, Thomas Standforth, and Rycharde Thomas, w<sup>th</sup> other mo.—[*Proved 4 Dec., 1554*].

RICHARD EMSON, OF BARKSTON.

(xiv. 96b.)

In the name of God Amen: the x<sup>th</sup> day of Januarye in the yeaere of our lorde God a thowsande five hundrethe fiftie and thre. I Rycharde Emson, of Barkston w<sup>th</sup>in the parishe of Sherborne, hole of mynde and of good remembraunce, makē this my testament and last will. Furst I bequeathe my soule to God Almighty and to our ladie sainte Marie and to all the celestiaall companye of heaven, and my bodie to be buried whereas it shalle please God. It'm I geve to the blessed Sacramente xij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I geve to euerye one of my breather ij<sup>s</sup>. Also I geve to Thomas Dowkar my blewe jacket. It'm I geve to my mades'unte xij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I geve to Thomas Emson my sonne all suche goodē as shall come and discede vnto me by the last will of John Emson my father. It'm I will that if it fortune Alice my wyfe to dye before my sonne Thomas Emson shall come vnto lawfull age, that my brother John shall haue the custodie of my said sonne and all his goodē during his mynorytie. The residue



of all my goodē, my dettē paid, I give to Alice my wife and to Thomas Emson my sonne, who I make my executors. These being witnessse. John Whaledell, John Paele, and [*sic*].—*No proof given.*

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JOHN THWAITES, OF PONTEFRACT.

(xiv. 96 b.)

In the name of God Amen: I John Twaitē, of Pontefracte in the countie of Yorke, yoman, the iiij<sup>th</sup> day of November in the yeaere of our lorde God a thowsande five hundrethe fiftie and foure, hole of mynde and good remembrance, dothe ordeine and make this my testamente and last will in manner and forme that hereafter followithe. Furst I geve and bequeathe my soule in to the handē and mercye of Allmightie God my maker and redemer, and to the prayer of sainte Marie the mother of our saueyor Jesus Christ, and to all the holic companie of heaven, and my bodie to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the parishe churchē of Allhallows in Pontefracte nighe vnto my father. Further I will that of all suche takes and leases w<sup>ch</sup> I the said John Twaittē had withe Joīne my mother that my parte therof holy to remaigne to Izabell my wyfe and Richard my sonne after my disseas, and to haue and occupie my said pte of the said takes withe the said Joīne my mother duringe all the terme and yeaeres of the said takes. It'm I give my best hoose to Robert Sawnde the younger. It'm I will that all the other my raymente be given to the poore at the discrecon of Joīne my mother and Izabell my wife. The residewe of all other my goodē not bequest, my dettē paid, and the funerall expens' maide the day of my buriall, I give to the [said] Izabell my wif and Richard my sonne, whome I make of this my last will my full executors to dispose my said goodē to the honour of god. These being witnesses, S<sup>r</sup> Roger Frykeleye, preiste, Nycholas Lenthorpe, Henry Hebillthaite, withe other moo.—[*Proved 13 Dec., 1554, by the widore. Grant reserved to the son, a minor.*]

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WILLIAM COWARD, OF PONTEFRACT.

(xiv. 96 b.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xxiiij<sup>te</sup> day of Februarye in the furst yeaere of the raigne of our soueraigne Ladie Marie, quene of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, Defendor of the faithe and also next vnder christ the Supreme heade of the Churchē of Englande and Irelande. I Wiłm Cowarde, of Pontefracte, seike in bodie and hole in mynde and remembraunce, makithe this my last will and testament in manner and forme following. Furst I geve my soule to God Allmightie my maker and redemer, and to all the blessed company in heaven, and my bodie to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the churchē yeaerde of Alhallowes in Pontefrett, or ellē where yt shall please god. Also I bequeth my leasses of my mylnes to Nycholas Cowarde my brother and my pyckē and chessellē. Also I bequeathe to Anne my doughter my kowe. Also I geve to Emmot my doughter my white nag. Also I give to Wiłm my sonne the greate borde that I bought of Wiłm Huntenden. Allso I geve to Wiłm my sonne my crosse. Also I geve to Johmet my wife the surrendre of my crosse that I have of Wiłm Nels-throp. Allso I give to Anne my doughter my cownter. Allso I give to Raynolde Gibson my s'vaunte a windell of wheate and my buckskyn

dowblet and a hatchet. Also I give to John my brother my blewe cote. Also I give to Roberte Lyster my brother in lawe my white cote. Also I give to Nicholes my brother my trusse bed. Also I give to Anne my doughter a greate arke. Also I give to Emmot my doughter a greate salting fat. Also I geve to Sr Anthonye Flemyng xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I give to Xpofer Wynsesse my bay meare and my bay nag. Also I give to my vnkle WiHm Clif my best dowblet. Also I give to WiHm Person ij<sup>s</sup> and to be honestlie aparelled. Also I give to the poore people iij mett<sup>e</sup> of corne. All the rest of my good<sup>e</sup> vnbequeathed, my dette paid, my funerall expens's made, I give to WiHm my sonne and Anne my doughter, whome I ordeyne and make my executors. Witnesses herof, Thom's Ederington, WiHm Schalle, Thom's Rodwell, WiHm Cliffe, Anthonye Flemyng.—  
[*Proved 13 Dec., 1554, to the widow, guardian of the children, minors.*]

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JOHN WATSON, OF WAKEFIELD.

(xiv. 97 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xij<sup>th</sup> day of Julye, the yere of our Lorde god 1554. I John Watson, of Wakefeilde, carier, w<sup>th</sup>in the countie of Yorke, pfite of mynde and knowledge, makithe this my laste will and testamente in forme as here followith. Furst I geve my soule to Allmightie God, and my bodie to be buried in the Churche yarde of Wakefeilde or els where it please Allmightie God: secondely I give vnto Anne Burton my s<sup>v</sup>ande ij<sup>s</sup>, the rest of all my good<sup>e</sup> bothe moveable and vnmoveable I give vnto Agnes my wife and Nicholes my sonne to be devided betwixt them by even porçons, whiche I make my lawfull executors, and they to discharge my dette and funerall expens's and all other thing<sup>e</sup>. It'm I will that WiHm Grethed, Nycholes Rayn', and John Grethed be supvisors of this my last will. These being witnesses, John Dowson, Robert Townende, of Wakefeild, and Sir WiHm Bawl, preiste.—  
[*Proved 13 Dec., 1554.*]

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WILLIAM PLAFFORD, OF BARKSTON.

(xiv. 97 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxviij<sup>th</sup> day of October in the yere of our Lorde god m<sup>l</sup>ccccel. I WiHm Plafforde, of Barkston, hole of mynde and memorie, make this my last will and testament after manner and forme following. Furst I witte my soule to God allmightie and to our ladic sanct Marie and to all the holie company of heaven, and my bodie to be buryed within the parishe churche yarde in Sherborne. I witte to my curate to pray for me iij<sup>d</sup>. I witte WiHm and Roberte my sonnes all my worke howse. I give to Alexandre my sonne vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. I wit to Edmonde my sonne half an acre of barlie when it is sowen. I give to Agnes my wife one litle blacke cowe and my house that I dwell in now withe all ap<sup>t</sup>teñnce belonging to the said house as longe as she lyvithe, and after her decease to John my sonne as right heare vnto the same. I give vnto Agnes my doughter a cuppborde. I wit to Jenet my doughter a brode panne. I wit to Isabell my doughter a greate cawdron, and I will that John Plafforde my sonne be supvisor of this my last will and testamente, and to se that euerye one of my childer haue there right. The residewe of all my good<sup>e</sup> not bequeathed, my dette paid and my will fullfilled, I give and bequeathe vnto Agnes my wife and WiHm my sonne, whome

I make my executors of this my last will and testamente. Witnesses herof, Willm Polle and John Quardail and John Plaisse.—[*Proved 13 Dec., 1554, by the son. Grant reserved to the widowe.*]

WILLIAM LISTER, OF LEEDS.

(xiv. 113 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxij<sup>o</sup> daye of January, anno D<sup>ni</sup> 1554. I William Lister, of Leedes, being of hoole mynd and good remembrance, makith my last will and Testament in maner and furme followinge. First I give my sowle vnto Almightye Gode my maker and redemer, o<sup>r</sup> ladie sancte Marie, and to all the blissed companie of heaven, and my bodie to be buried in the Churche yerde of Sancte Peter in Leedes. Also I give to Robert Lister my father my best jackett, my best doublet w<sup>t</sup> hoose and showes. Also I give to Julian my wief and to her children all my hoole goodes that I the said William Lister baithe or may have, aswell xij<sup>s</sup> that Robert Calbecke dothe owe vnto me as all other goodes and tackk<sup>e</sup> of landes, saving onelie I will that ymediatlie after that my wief do take any ma<sup>r</sup> to husband that then one litle cloose caulled haire pightill shall remane to my sayd children all yeres to come and all profett<sup>e</sup> therof, and Briand Lister to have the oversight herein, and allso I make my wief my full executrix to se my children and my goodes vsed according to this my last will. Thes being wytnes, Briand Lister, Robert Lister, William Lawson, and Robert Symson.—[*Proved 22 June, 1554.*]

ALICE MIDGLEY, OF HEADINGLEY.

(xiv. 117 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xiiij<sup>th</sup> daye of June in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord God 1553. I Alice Migheleye, of Heddingleye, widowe, w<sup>h</sup>in the pishe of Leedes, hole of mynde and bodie and of good memorie, makes this my last will and testament in maner and furme followinge. The first I give my sowle to Almightye God my maker and redemer, and my bodie to be buried w<sup>h</sup>in the church or churche yerde where yt shall please god that I shall die. Also I give to Eliz<sup>r</sup> my daughter five mark<sup>e</sup>. Also I give to Alice my daughter five m<sup>k</sup><sup>e</sup>. Also I give to S<sup>r</sup> John my sonne [*sic*], also I give to Jennet my daughter vj<sup>li</sup> xij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> lent to her husbände Richard Saxton at mydsomer before the greete sweete. Also I give to everie s<sup>u</sup>ant dwellinge in my howse at the daye of my deathe one sheepe. Also I give to Robert Myghleye xx<sup>s</sup>. Also I make John Kent my hoole executor to bringe me honestlie furthe of my goodes and to dispoose for my sowle as he shall thinke best to whoome I give the residew of all my goodes vnbequest. Allso I make George Marshall my brother the sup<sup>u</sup>isoure of this my last will and testament to se that all thing<sup>e</sup> be doone accordinge to the premiss<sup>es</sup>. Thes beinge wytness<sup>es</sup>, Ch<sup>r</sup>ofer Hobson, Nicolas Claughton, Lawrance Rawson, John Hebetson, Lawrance Webster, Thomas Rawson, w<sup>t</sup> other moo.—[*Proved 6 April, 1554.*]

AGNES BOUND, WIDOW, OF OTLEY.

(xiv. 120 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: I Agnes Bounde, widowe, of Otleye in the countie of Yorke, do make, constitute, and ordane this my last will and testament

in maner and furme followinge, the fiftē daye of Marche, Anno D'ni 1554. s'e'd'm computaconem Eēclie Anglicane and in the first and secund yeres of the Reignes of Phillip and Marie, &c. Firstt I bequiethe my sowle to the marcie of my redemer Jesus Christ, and my bodie to be buried in the Churchē mold of Otleye aforesaid, beseechingē o'r blissed ladie sancte Mary and all the fare feloshippe of heaven to praye for me, and I will y<sup>t</sup> my debte shalbe paid of all my hoole goodes. That done and my bodie brought furthe after the custome of neighborehead I bequieeth to Dorithe Sikes one bedde and a bedde cloose. Also I bequiethe vnto Jenet Webster, of Foston, one brasse pott. The residewe of all my goodes moveable and vnmoueable not bequested and all dette owne to me, my debttē paide, my funerall expn's deducted, I give to Dorithe my daughter, whome I make my sowle executrix of this my last will and testament. And the right worshipfull my M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Francis Palmes I make oversear of the same. Thes beinge witnes, S<sup>r</sup> Anthonie Jackson, clerke, George Wharton, of Otleye, and Thomas Dunwell, of the same, yoma', the day and yere abouesaid.—[*Proved 18 April, 1555.*]

WILLIAM SCALES, OF PONTEFRACT.

(xiv. 125 b.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xxv<sup>th</sup> daye of Marche in the first and secund yere of the Reigne of Phillippe and Marie by the grace of god Kinge and Quene of England, France, Neapolis, J<sup>r</sup>m, and Ierland, Defendōrs of the fathe, prince of Spaine and Cicilie, Archduke of Austrie, Duke of Millan, Burgond, and Brabant, Countess' of Adspurge, Flanders, and Tiroll. I Wiłm Seailles, of Pontifract, seke in bodie and good and pfyte in remembrance, makethe this my last will and testament in maner and furme folowinge. Firste I give and bequieeth my sowle to God Almighty my onelie maker and redemer, and to the blissed companie of heaven, and my bodie to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the pishe Churchē yerde of Alballowes in Pontifrac̃te or elle where yt shall please God. It'm I give to euerie one of my seven children seven poundes Tenne shillings for ther childe's porçons of my goodes, And yf yt fortune any of them to die then ther pte to retorne and remane to thuse of them that be livinge. It'm I give to Lionell my brother a cote and iijs iiij<sup>d</sup> in moneye. It'm to Antonie my brother a coote. It'm to Francc my brother a Coote. It'm to Richard my brother a cote yf they be good to my wief and my children. It'm I give to Thomas my sone my burgage. It'm I give to Boniface Savage my freese gowne. And I woll and desier the said Boniface to be the Supervisor of this my will and testament. All the rest of my goodes bothe moveable and vnmoueable and leasses and tackes vnbequieethed, my debte paid, my funerall expn's maid, I give to Jennet my wief whome I ordane and make my sole executrix. Wytnesse hereof, Thomas Holgate, maior of the same Towne, Boniface Savage, William Holgate, and William Gretchēhead, and Anthonie Flemingē, preste. [*Proved 29 April, 1555.*]

WILLIAM RAWLING, OF PONTEFRACT.

(xiv. 136 a.)

In the name of God amen: I William Raulinge, of Pontefrac̃te w<sup>th</sup>in the countie of Yorke, Cordiner, hole of mynde and pfite remember-

aunce, the secunde of December in the firste yere of the reigne of our most sou'ande Ladye quene Marye by the grace of God of England, Fraunce and Ireland quene, doothe maïke this my last will or testament in this man' and forme folowinge. Fyrste I bequithe my soule to Almyghtie God my redemer and savior, and my bodie to [be] buryed in my pishe churchē yearde of All Sainctes at Pomfret. Also I bequithe to Margaret my wyfe x<sup>s</sup> wiche is in the hande of my brother Johne Rawlyn. Also I bequithe to my saide wyffe foure stones of talowe wiche is in my brother hande for the wyche talowe I haue paid him. Also I will that my doughter Elesbeth shall haue for hir childes portyon x<sup>ls</sup>. Also I bequithe to my brother Johne foure stones of talowe wiche he haith in his custodie. Also I bequithe to Xpofer Wilbarne a blew jacket and a fusthane dublet. Also I bequithe to Robert Raulyn iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> wiche is in my brother Johne hande. Also I bequithe to Johne Smythe iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> wiche is in my brother John hande. Also I bequethe to Edmonde Raulin iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> wiche is in my brother Johne hande. Also I bequithe to my brother Robert Raulyn my violet jacket. The resydew of all other my goodē not bequest, dette and portions dischargid, I will that they be at the ordere of Margret my wyffe, whome I maïke my hole executrix. In wytnes herof, my brother Johne Rawlyn, bruyster, and my curett o' Wiłm Chamber and s<sup>r</sup> Richard Rydall, w<sup>t</sup> other moo.—[*Proved 10 May, 1554.*]

ROBERT BEMUNDE, OF THORPE ON THE HILL.

(xiv. 136 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the sevent day of Aprill, the yere of owre Lorde god a thowsand five hundrethe fyfte and iiij. I Robert Bemunde, of Thorp of the hill in the pishe of Rothwell, holle of mynde and good remembraunce, thankē be to God, maïkē this my last will and testament after this furme folowinge. Firste I bequith my soull to god Almyghti and to o<sup>r</sup> ladie sainte Marye and to all the celestiall company of heaven, and my body to be buried in the churchē yearde of the blyssyd trynite of Rothwell. Item I bequithe vnto the blessed sacrament of the alter viij<sup>d</sup>. Item to Raiffe Roidhouse xx<sup>s</sup>. Item to Johne his sonne an iron chimney. Item to Robert his sonne my beste jaket and best howse [? hose]. Item to Agnes Radhowse my doughter iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Item to Elisabeth and Jenet my daughters all my woll spone and vnsponē. Item to Thomas Rodhowse a yowe and a lambe. Item to Charles Prest iij<sup>s</sup>. Item to Methlay bryge ij<sup>s</sup>. The residew of my goodē, my dette paide and funerall expencē mayde, I gyve to Johne my sonne and Elisabeth and Jenett my daughters, the whome I maïke my executors. Thes witness's, M<sup>r</sup> William Gascoinge, thelder, William Scholē, Rayffe Scoles, Johne Armitage, w<sup>t</sup> others. — [*Proved 10 May, 1554.*]

JOHN EMSON, OF NEWTON KYME.

(xiv. 141 a.)

In the name of God Amen: I John Emson, of the pishe of Newton Kyme, in pfite mynde and goode remembrance, the xxij daye of January in the yere of oure lorde God a thousande fyve hundreth fiftie and thre, makē my testament and last will in manner and forme folowinge. Firste I bequeth my soull to almighty God my maker and to his onelie sonne

Jhu christe my lorde and Savio<sup>r</sup>, in whome I putt the holl hope and truste of my salvacion throughe the merites of his blissed passion, and my bodie to be buried in the church yerde of the aforsaid Newton Kyme. Also I bequeath my lande in Southmylforth felde and my medewe to John my eldest sonne. Also I bequeath the intereste of my farmhold to Anne my wif for terme of here lif, and after her tyme to John myne eldest sonne and William my yongeste sonne for the space of towe yeres indifferentalie to be occupied betwene theme, and afterwarde to the forsaid William my holl intereste therof. Also I bequeath to Thomas my sonne a blake stott and a brended. Also I bequeath to Thomas Emson my godson all my shepe that I haue with his father. Also I bequeath to Richarde my sonne an oxe and a cowe havinge the vse of theme all redie. Also I bequeath to John my eldeste sonne the yongest graye maire and to William my sonne a bay stagge. Also I bequeath all my other goodes both moveable and vnmmoveable to Anne my wif, to John, to Richarde, to Thomas, and William my sonnes, whome I make full executors of this my last will. Witnesses herof, Richarde Shipley, Georgie Cawode, and Couenant Stevenson.—[*Proved 28 June, 1554, by Agnes, the widow, John, Thomas, and William, Richard being dead.*]

JOHN BLATHWATE, OF EAST KESWICK, HUSBANDMAN.

(xiv. 142 a.)

In the name of God Amen: in the yere of oure lorde God a thousande fyve hundreth fiftie and towe, the xij<sup>th</sup> daye of Julie. I John Blathwate, husbandman, of Estkeswike within the pish of Harwode, make my will and testament in this forme followinge. First I bequest my soull to God Almightye that created and bought it, and my bodie to be buried within the holie sanctuarie at Harwode church. I will to my wif Elisabeth and to my thre doughters, Elisabeth, Isabell, and Dorothe, the goode will of my farmhold duringe the terme of my yeres as my lease specifieth; if my wif Elisabethe departe within my terme of yeres it to remayne to my doughter Elisabeth; if Elisabeth departe and die I will my forsaid farmhold to Isabell; if Isabell die I witt it to Dorothe. Wher I ame dettable to Richarde Appleyerde thre pounce of his portion or barne parte I will it shalbe maid forthe iiij<sup>l</sup>, my bodie buried and funerall chardges dispatched and my dette paid, and if my parte of my goodes, my dette to be paid and that leaves of my parte of the goodes to be devyded to my wif Elisabeth and to my thre doughters. Also I ordan and make my wif Elisabeth and my thre doughters myne executrices for to se the pformance of this my will and testament after the order of the lawe for the health of my soull. Witnesses, John Plesington, Nicholas Rowley, John Sutton, William Preston, clerke, with other.—[*Proved 9 July, 1554, by the widow. Grant reserved to the three daughters.*]

ANTHONY MAWDE, OF OTLEY.

(xiv. 146 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xiiij<sup>th</sup> daye of Marche in the yere of oure lorde God a m<sup>l</sup>v<sup>cl</sup>j. I Anthony Mawde, of Otteley, of holl mynd and good remembrance, make this my laste will and testamente in manner and forme followunge. First I bequeath my soull to almighty God my maker

and redemer, and my bodie to be buried in the churchē of Otteley. Item I giue and bequeath to Jennet my wif all my holl lande in Otteley and Farneley, both copiehold and frehold, duringe here widuchede paynge yerlie to Dorothe Mawde my doughter the some of foure marke duringe the lif of the said Dorothe if it chaunce she amend not of here disease. And if it chaunce that she amend I will that she shall haue asmoche money rune of the pffette of the said landes as other of my children shall haue to there portions and no more. Also I will that my said wif shall kepe my thre sonnes at scole vnto such tyme as they shalbe able to be apprentice. Item I will that my said wif shall paye to everie one of my children the some of sex shillinge and eight pence of the proffette of the said landes at suche tyme as they shall marie or be lowsse of prentishipe. And if it chaunce that my said wif marie then I will that all the proffette of all my land shall go to the proffet of my childer at the discession and order of my supvisors vnto suche tyme as my sonne William come to the full adge of xxj yeres. Item I giue and bequeath to everie one of my bretherne and susters vjs viij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue to William Fletcher vjs viij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue to Elisabeth my serunte and Agnes Burnet either of theme a gyamber lambe. Item I giue to everie one of my god children iij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue xx<sup>s</sup> to power people in Otteley wher moste nede is. Item I giue to John Lyndley, of Farneley, my wynter cote. Item I will that my lease whiche I bought of Gerrot Whetley be sold and the pffet therof to paye my dette at the order of my supvisors. The Reste of my goodes, I honestlie brought forthe, my dette paid, my legaces and funerall expenses discharged, I giue to Jennet my wif and vnto all my childrene salvinge William and Dorothe. And I make my said wif, John and Nicholas my sonnes, Anne and Jennet my daughters, my executors of this my last will and testament. Also I make William Mawde my father and Chrofer Mawde and Chrofer Waid my supvisors of this my last will and testament to se it pformed and I bequeath everie of theme iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup> for ther paynes. Thes witnesses, George Pullan, Chrofer Cave, Chrofer Waid, and other moo.—[*Proved 11 August, 1554, by John, son of deceased. Grant reserved to Jane, Nicholas, and Ann, children.*]

#### JOHN NETTLETON, OF LEEDS.

(xiv. 147 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the sixth daye of Julie in the yere of oure lorde god a m<sup>l</sup>v<sup>c</sup>liij. I John Nettleton, of Ledes in the countie of [York], by the visitacion of God seke of bodie but by his grace of good and p<sup>r</sup>ite memorie, doth make, ordan, and constitute this my last will and testament in manner and forme followinge. Firste I bequeath my soull to the grete mercie of the almightie lorde J<sup>h</sup>u christe, trusting by the merite of his passion to be one of those that shalbe saved. And I bequeth my bodie to be buried within the pishe churchē of Ledes. Also I bequeath to Jennet Nettleton, Agnes Nettleton, and Sibill Nettelton, my daughters, now vnmarried, to everie one of them twentie marke in full satisfaction and payment of there holl childer portions of all my goodes. Also I will and bequeathe that Jennet my wif shall haue all my landes and tenementē duringe her naturall lif, and after here decease my close called Scott mylne close boundinge of the rige in Vodehouse nere Ledes to the



vse of Thomas Nettleton my sonne and his heres for ever after the custome of the manner, and my other closse lienge betwene Knowstrobe and hill housebankē to the vse of the said Thomas and his heres paynge therfore twentie markē of good and lafull money of England, wherof vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup> to be paide to Sibill my said doughter and the other vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup> to be equallie devided betwene Anne, Jennet, and Agnes, my doughters, imediatelie after the decease of Jennet my wif, or within one half yere then next after. Also I bequeath my best cote or jackett to William Mighley, my next jackett to Thomas Nettleton my sonne, and to Robt Nettleton my brother one other jackett or dublett. The Residue of all my goodes and cattallē, my dette paide, funerall expens' deducte, I giue and bequeath to Jennet my wif, whome I do make and ordan my full executrix of this my last will and testament, in the presence of Richard Sympson, John Heyton, Thomas Cowp, William Hargrave, Robt Settill, Richarde Walge, William Waide, William Cowper, with other.—[*Proved 14 August, 1554.*]

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ROBERT WARD, OF LUMBY.

(xiv. 163 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the x daye of December in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord god a thowsand five hundrithe fiftie and fower. I Robert Warde, of Lamebie w<sup>in</sup> the pishe of Shereburn, hole of mynde and of good Remembrance, make this my Testament and last will in manner followinge. First I give and bequieeth my sowle to almightie god, requiringe the blissed virgin Mary and all the hollie companie of heaven to be mediators for me, and my bodie to be buried w<sup>in</sup> the churche earthe of all Sanctes in Shereburn. It'm I give to my Curet for tiethes forgotten xij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I give to the churche worke iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I give to S<sup>r</sup> Robert Blaunche iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I give to Hewghe Atkinson x<sup>li</sup>, one Quarter of Barleye, and one Barewane. It'm I give to Johnne Atkinson ij Bushelles of malte. It'm I give to the same John ij Bushellē of haver. It'm I give to Thomas Richardson ij Bushellē of Barleye. It'm I give to William Atkinson one Quarter of Barleye. It'm I give to Johnne Mowes ij bushellē of Barleye. It'm I give to Lancelot Witleye ij Bushellē of Barleye. It'm I give to Johnne Warde the Lease of my farmeold at Lumbey after the decease of Margaret my wief. It'm I give to Johnne Warde ij Bushellē of barleye. It'm I give to Johnne Warde the doughter of Jenkin Warde ij Bushellē of Barleye. It'm I give to Agnes Browne ij Bushellē of Barleye. It'm I give to Hewghe Atkinson and to his heires for ever one beast gaite in Lumbeye pastures, the whiche I bought of Johnne Owldret. The residue of all my goodes, my debte and legacē paid and my bodie honestlie brought furthe, I give vnto Margaret my wief and vnto Johnne Warde, Alice Warde, and to Margaret Ward, whoo I make myne executors. Wytness' hereof, Mathewe Smitheson, my curet, S<sup>r</sup> Robert Blaunche, Johnne Battell, John Watkin, and John Warde, w<sup>t</sup> other.—[*Proved 25 May, 1555.*]

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WILLIAM WOODHOUSE, OF SHERBURN.

(xiv. 178 a.)

In the name of God Amen: in the yere of oure lorde god 1554 and the xiiij daye of Marche. I Withm Woodhouse, of Shereborne, being hole of

mynde and of perfite remembraunce, thankes be vnto allmightie god, being diseased and sicke in my bodye, ordeynes and makes this my laste will and testamente in manner and forme following. Furst I bequethe my sowle to God, ore ladie saincte Marie, and to all the Celestiall Companye of heaven, and my bodie to be buryed within the Churche yerde of All hallowes of Shereborne, nere vnto my grandfather. Also I bequethe to the blessed Sacramente for tithes and oblacons forgotten ij<sup>s</sup>. It'm I bequethe xx<sup>s</sup> to be distributed to poore people the daye of my buryall. Also I bequethe my sonne John to my brother John Calverd, and to haue the rewle, governaunce, and keping of hym to he come to his lafull age of xxj<sup>d</sup> yeres, and to haue his porcon and all his goodes with hym. Allso I bequeth to my brother Thomas Thorneton my sonne Thomas, and to haue hym and all his porcon and goodes to he come to his full age of xxj yeres if it shall please hym to take hym. Also I give and bequethe to my vnkle W<sup>m</sup> Willson and to Thomas Thorneton the residewe of all those yeres that shalbe vnexpired and vnronne at the daye of my dethè, of all those landes and tenementes that my brother Thomas ded geve me by his laste will, and theye to paye the yerelie Rente therefore. And I will that my wife shall paye aleven poundes for thre yeres Rente by past at the making thereof of the said Landes. Also I give to Thomas my sonne and Agnes my daughter the yerely rentes and proffettes growing or comyng of Edwarde Hallele house w<sup>ch</sup> I haue by copie of the Courte for certeyne yeres yet enduring. Itm. I geve vnto John Thailer prest, to praye for my soule and all Christen soules, xij<sup>d</sup>. The residewe of my goodes, my dettes paid and funerallē discharged, I give and bequethe them to Agnes my wife, John, Thomas, and W<sup>m</sup> Woodhous, my sonnes, Agnes and Isabell my daughters, whome I make and orden my full executors of this my laste will and testamente. And if my said wyfe shall fortune to be withe childe, then if god sende it into the worlde, then I will it shalbe full executor withe all other afforesaide. These witness', Thomas Morret, Symon Barmby, John Hillome, with others and Thomas Thorneton.—  
*[Proved 18 October, 1555, by the widow. Grant reserved to the children.]*

THOMAS WILLIAMSON, OF MICKLEFIELD.

(xiv. 200 a.)

In the name of god Amen: in the yere of our lorde a thowsande five hundrethe fiftie and foure, the xxvth daye of Januarye. I Thomas WyHmson, of Mikelfeilde in the pishe of Shereburne, of hoole mynde and remembraunce, makithe this my laste will in manner and forme following. furst I bequeth my soule to Allmightie god and to our Lady sanct Marye and to all the celestiall company of heaven, and my bodye to be buryed in the parishe Churche yerde of Shereborne. Allso I ordeyne and make my wyfe and my two children, Henry WiHmsonne and John, my full executors. And if it please god that my wife be w<sup>th</sup> childe it shalbe as forderly in the goodes as any of the other. And allso I give to the blessed Sacramente vj<sup>d</sup>. Item I give to S<sup>r</sup> John Taylar viij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I give to S<sup>r</sup> Robert Blaunche iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I give to Richard WiHmson my sonne xx<sup>s</sup>. And allso I will that M<sup>r</sup> Henry Gascoigne haue Richarde my sonne and the xx<sup>s</sup> to the behove of the said Ric. my sonne to he come of lefull [age]. The residewe of all my goodes not bequeste, my dettes and my

funerall expens's maid aboute my buriall, I give them to my wife and to my two children Henry Withmson and John. Recorders hereof, Henry Gascoigne, gentleman, John Hawghton, John Robson, and John Walkar. —[*Proved 14 November, 1555, by the widow. Grant reserved to the children.*]

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RALPH STANDFIELD, OF OTLEY.

(xiv. 206 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the eight day of Julye in the yere of our lord god 1555. I Rauf Standfeild, of Otleye in the Countie of Yorke, yoman, being of hoole mynde and stedfaste memorye, makithe this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following. Furst I bequethe my soule to the mercye of my Redemer Jesu chryste, and my bodye to be buried in the Church yerde of Otteleye aforesaid, beseching o'r blessed Lady St. Marye and all the sanctes in heaven to praye for me. Allso I will that my body be brought fourthe after the discrecon of Alice my wyfe and Christopher my sonne w<sup>th</sup> the Councell and aduyce of S<sup>r</sup> Christopher Wayde, clarke, and John Dyconson. It'm I bequethe to Nicholas Daide iij ewes and allso to Jenet Smythe iij ewes, and to Elyn Haddilscie one ewe and one lambe or elles one calf. Also I will that Alice my wyfe and Chrofer my sonne shall haue all my landes and ten'te equally deuyded betwix' theme so longe as she shall lyve and after her decease to remayne hoolye to the said Chrofer. Allso I do give all my goodes moveable and vnmoueable, and all the dettes owing to me, to my said wife and Chrofer my sonne, equallye to be deuyded betwix' them saue onely xx<sup>tie</sup> markes, whiche my said wife shall dispose vnto the children of my two doughters at suche tyme as she shall thincke conuenient necessary and requysite, vpon condicon that nether my said doughters nor their husbandes shall vex, trowble, or sewe for any other childe porcon my executors iointlye nor seuerallye, and if they be not thus contente nether they nor there children to haue any peny but as they shall recover by the lawe. Allso I make my executors Alyce my wyfe and Chrofer my sonne of this my laste will and Testamente, and S<sup>r</sup> Xpofer Wayde and John Dyconson supervisors of the same, geving vnto ether of them viij<sup>s</sup> for their paynes taking, and allso as oft as nede shall require their reasonable costes and charges to be borne in all thinges concerning the fullfylling of this my last will and Testamente by my said executors. Thes being witnes, S<sup>r</sup> Anthonye Jackson, clarke and curate of Ottley, S<sup>r</sup> Xpofer Waide, clarke, and John Dicconson, w<sup>th</sup> other moo.—[*Proved 13 August, 1555.*]

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ROBERT WALTON, OF PONTEFRACT.

(xiv. 206 b.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xvij<sup>th</sup> day of [*sic*] A<sup>o</sup> Dni 1555. I Roberte Walton, of Pontefracte in the Countie of Yorke, clothedryver, do make my testam<sup>t</sup> and laste will in manner and forme following. Furst I bequethe my soule to Almightye god, to our Ladye sainet Marye, and to all the blessed companye of heaven, and my bodye to be buried in the Church yerde of Englishthorpp right ouerthwarte the Church porch. It'm I bequeathe to the highe Aultare of my parishe Church in Pountefracte for my Tythes neglygently forgotten xx<sup>d</sup>. It'm I will that a coumbe of wheate and a coumbe of malte shuld be delte amongst poore folkes

at the markit crosse of Pontefraete the next market day after M'ty'mas daye. I praye my wyfe to bestowe more Allmesse at her discreçon where she and Sr Thomas Huntington shall thinke moste nedefull. It'm I give vnto Thomas and John Warde to eche of them a jacket clothe desiaring them to make labor for to get a new leasse in my house of Mr Hunte, and yf theye can not get it than to breake the matter to Mr Nicholes Sayvell and to Mr Furnes desiaring them to breake this matter to Mr Sayvill, knight, and put him in remembraunce of me and my poore wyfe and my children. I will that my wyf send hym ij capons. It'm I give my brother Leonarde the graye hoose clothe and the yelow w<sup>ch</sup> I had withe me at this tyme. It'm I give to my brother Medleye my dagger. It'm I will that Edward Watton give vnto Thomas Ynce viij<sup>s</sup>. It'm I give vnto John Stagge a pair of hoose clothe. It'm I give to Thom's Graue, of Lynne, for discharging of me of a certeyne Stewardshippe of a cockit ais he knowethe xij<sup>s</sup> whiche Mr Graye, of Bury, oweth me. It'm The rest of all my goods not bequeathed, leasses and tackes, in farmes and landes now in my occupying, I will that all together w<sup>th</sup> all my substaunce be equallye deuyded in iij partes, whereof I give to my wyfe the thirde pte and the other ij partes to be equallye deuyded betwix' my foure children. It'm I give vnto Robert my sonne a Burgessehippe lying in bondgaite in Pountefraete. It'm I will that he and his porçon of my goodes rem' in the custodie of Sr Thomas Huntington, p'son of Ackworthe, my speciaall good freinde. It'm I will that Henry my sonne remayne still with his mother till he be iij yeres olde and than my brother Leonarde to haue hym and his parte of my goodes. It'm I will that Anne shalbe at the keping of my two systers Beatrix and Elizabeth, and theye to receyve her porçon, laying on sufficient sureties to paye her the same agayne whan she shall come to lauffaill aige. It'm I will that Margaret and her parte shulde remayne still w<sup>th</sup> her mother, and in case be that any of my forsaid children shulde dye I will that his or her parte shulde be equallye deuyded amo'gest the rest of my children. Fynally I make my wyfe my sole executrix, she to receyve my dette and paye my dette. It'm I will that Sr Thom's Huntington, person of Ackworthe, shulde be supervisour and he to haue for his labour a paire of hoose clothe of Westron Carseye. Wytness', Mr. Phyllp Silke, p'sonne of Englisthorpe, Xpofer Bowling, WyHm Burdon, Godfraye Cooke, w<sup>th</sup> other.—[*Proved 12 August, 1555.*]

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ROBERT ROWLEY, OF EAST RIGTON, HUSBANDMAN.

(xiv. 207 a.)

In the name of God Amen: in the yere of or Lorde God 1553, and in the vijth yere of Kinge Edward the vijth. I Roberte Rouley, of the eist Righton in the countie of Yorke, husbandman, makethe my laste will and Testamente, being of hoole mynde and not sicke in mann' and forme following. Furst I bequethe my soule to Allmightie God, our Lady saint mary, and to all the hoolye companye of heaven. my bodye to be buried in Bardesaye Church yerde. Item I will that my executors give iiij<sup>d</sup> to foure poore men. It'm I will Thomas Rouley, sonne of Xpofer Rouleye my sonne, whose soule god pardon, haue thre pounce in full paym<sup>t</sup>, satisfaceon, and recompence of his childe's parte, and all other legaces and

promises of goodes to hym by me mayd. It'm I make Nycholes Rouley my sonne executor, and he to delyuer my sonne Thomas Rouleye his barne parte as he haith the p'mysed me, twentie nobles whan the said Thomas thinckes good, and haue nede therof after my deathe. It'm I give the residew of all my goodes, my dettes paid, all expens's allowed, to the said Nicholas my executor to his vse and to dispose at his discretion. In witness' hereof, Xpofer Marshall thelder and John Haireclyf.—[*Proved 5 August, 1555.*]

JOHN SKIPTON, OF PONTEFRACT, ALDERMAN.<sup>1</sup>

(xiv. 2c3 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the ixth daye of June in the yere of our Lorde God 1555. I John Skipton, of Pontefracte within the countie of Yorke, alderman, makithe my laste will and Testamente in manner and forme following. Furst I bequethe my soule to Allmightye god my maker and Redemer, and my bodye to be buryed in the pishe Church of Pontefracte aforesaid. It'm I bequethe to the highe waye namede Bondgate vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, and to Beighall brig vpwarde vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I bequethe to either myne apprentice xij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>, and to either of them a yowe and a wether shepe. It'm to WiHm Richardson vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I give to Henry Skipton and his heires for euer one hous in Pontefracte next vnto Tatams house rented yerely at vj<sup>s</sup>. It'm I give to Thomas Skipton, sonne of John Skipton my sonne, one house in Pont' aforesaid nowe in the tenure of Henrye Hewit, and to his heires for euer. It'm I bequethe to WiHm Skipton sonne of WyHm Skipton laite dwelling in Pont' in a strete there called roper gaite, nowe depted, one howse in the same strete w<sup>th</sup> thapp'teñnce, nowe in the tenure of Thomas Heptenstall, to hym and his heires for euer. And I will that Leonarde Helaghe shall haue thorder and gou'naunce therof and allso to lette, take, and receive the rentes and profette therof comynge and arysing, making the said WyHm accompte therof whan he shall come to full aige. It'm I give to WiHm Skipton my sonne all my copieholde lande not surrendred and the hous that he nowe dwellithe in w<sup>th</sup> v acres belonging to the same of lande, and also one close called Denvell cont' iij acres, also one close lying in the northe feilde conteyning half an acr' lying betwix' the landes of the laite monasterye of Pountfracte on the northe and the landes of WyHm Ellys of the southe, two acres and a half of Lande in the north feilde and half an acre in the myddle taythx, and allso one house w<sup>th</sup> thapp'teñnce vpon monckhill in the tenure of John Jackson, and one laithe w<sup>th</sup> a garthe nowe in the tenure of Robert Childe, to haue and to holde all the closes, landes, houses w<sup>th</sup> thapp'teñnce, to the said WyHm Skipton and to his heires for euer. Item I give vnto John Skipton, my yonger sonne, one house w<sup>th</sup> thapp'teñnce in Pontfracte wherin I dwell, one howse w<sup>th</sup> thapp'teñnce nowe in the tenure and occupaçon of wid' Tatam, w<sup>th</sup> ij acres of lande p'chased of Henry Furnis lying nere the well close head. Allso one close called Parke close lying betwix' the landes of Roberte Malet of the east and the landes late Rich'de Rydiall of the west. Allso one close in feryfriston lying betwix the cove close at Ferybrig of the east and the landes of Sr Wyllim Vavasour of the west, w<sup>th</sup> thre acr'

(1) The will of his widow is given on p. 66.

and one rode of lande p'chased of Thomas Wentworth lying in shoell broodes, and allso one house w<sup>th</sup> app'teñnce in the Bayly now in the tenure of Thomas Barker. To haue and to holde all the said landes, closes, and howses w<sup>th</sup> thapp'teñnce to the said John Skipton to hym and his heires for euer. It'm I giue and bequeth to my said sonne John Skipton and to his heires for euer one house in Pontfracte lying in the Baylye and one acr' of lande lying on the gallowe hill purchased of Thomas Wentworth. It'm I give vnto my said sonnes Wy<sup>hm</sup> Skipton and John Skipton twentie poundes to be deuyded betwix' them. It'm I bequethe to Wy<sup>hm</sup> Spence, my syster sonne, if he be lyving, vj<sup>th</sup> xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>, to be paid by my sonne John Skipton. It'm I give to Eff<sup>ph</sup>m Hodgeshon my god doughter iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>, a yowe and a wedder sheepe. It'm I give to John Skipton and his heires, sonne of Richarde Skipton my brother, deceased, one house in Pountfract in the ledder m'kitē now in the tenure of [blank] Spence, condicionally that he nor his heires shall not alyene nor sell the same. It'm I give to Johannet Dingdaile iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>, a yowe and a wedder sheppe. It'm to John Richardson my godsonne a yowe and a lambe. It'm to Johannet Hurst xij<sup>d</sup>. It'm to Esabell Hurst xij<sup>d</sup>. It'm to Robert Walton, sonne of Robert Walton, deceased, iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm to Wi<sup>hm</sup> Helaighe, sonne of Leonarde Helaighe, iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm to Emmot Firth ij<sup>s</sup>. It'm to Alice Shann my s'vaunte ij<sup>s</sup>. It'm to Wy<sup>hm</sup> Wyllson ij<sup>s</sup>. It'm to Anne Skipton, doughter of my son John Skipton, xx<sup>s</sup>. It'm to Agnes Skipton, doughter of Wy<sup>hm</sup> Skipton, deceased, vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I give to Johannet Hodgeshon, doughter of Wylliam Hodgeshon, deceased, vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. The Residewe of all my goodes and catalles moueable and vn-moueable, my dettē and legacies paid and my funeralles discharged, I give them frely and hoolye to Agnes Skipton my wyfe, whome I make sole executrix of this my laste will and testamente, and further that my said executrix shall during her naturall lyfe haue, holde, occupie, and allso taikē and receive the rentē and profettē of all my said landes, closes, houses, whatsoeuer theye be before bequethed and not bequethed during her said lyfe. Also I make Richarde Wilbore of Pont', alderman, James Brokesbank, Robert Vsher, and Wy<sup>hm</sup> Norton supvisours of this my wyll and testamente, to see all thinges done according to the trewe meanyng therof, and euery of them to haue a pece vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. These being witness', Nicholas Carlyll, Edward Rusbye, Leonarde Helaighe, Richarde Tatam, Lyonell Mexboroughe, Roberte Poole, Wi<sup>hm</sup> Wyllson, and John Tailer, w<sup>t</sup> other moo. Item I give vnto my said sonnes Wy<sup>hm</sup> Skipton and John Skipton, and to their heirs for euer, five acr' of errable lande lying and being in the northe feilde of Pount'fracte, purchaside of Roberte Eldesleye, to be equally deuyded betwix them. These witness', Richarde Wilbore, of Pount'fracte, Alderman Richard Tatam, Robert Poole, Edward Rusbye, Wi<sup>hm</sup> Richardson, and Robert Shiplaye. — [Proved 29 July, 1555.]

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KATHERINE APPELYARD, OF THORP ON THE HILL.

(xiv. 190b.)

In Dei nōie Amen: A<sup>o</sup> D<sup>ni</sup> 1554, the fyrste day of October. I Katheryn Appleyerde, of Thorpe on the hill, beinge at this present tyme seke of bodye, holl and pfyte of mynde and remembrance, maketh this

my laste will and testamente in maner and forme following. Fyrst I bequeath my soull vnto God allmightie, to our lady sancte Mary, and to all the blyssed companye of heven, and my body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the churche yerde [of] Roythwell. Item I bequeath vnto the hygh alter of Roythwell for forgotten tythes xij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I bequeath vnto the vse of the said churche of Roythwell xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. Item I bequeath to be delte emonge the poore folkes at the day of my buriall vjs viij<sup>d</sup>. The reste of my gooddes and cattels moveable and vnmoveable, my dette and legacies paid and my buriall honestely furth, I bequeath vnto WiHm Leghte and John Burnell, whome I make my executors of this my laste will and testamente, and also I make Mr. WiHm Gascogne, esquier, the eldest, the supvysor of this my laste will, &c. Thes beinge wytnesses, WiHm Gascogne, senior, armiger, Johannes Beamonde, Johannes Clif, Eliz. Townende, p me WiHm Foster.—[*Proved 3 April, 1555.*]

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ROBERT PAWSON, OF FARNLEY.

(xiv. 239 a.)

In the name of God amen: the xxvij day of May in the yere of our lorde God a Thowsande fyve hundrethe fyftie and foure. I Roberte Pawson, of Farneley in the countie of Yorke, whole of mynde and of good and p<sup>r</sup>ite remembrance, maketh and ordeyn this my last will and testament in maner and furme folowinge. Firste I bequith my sowle to God Almighty my Creator and redemer, desiringe our blyssed ladie and all the hollie sainte in heaven to pray for me and w<sup>th</sup> me that my soull may reste imonge the elect people of God in heaven, and my body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the churche yearde of Otley, my pishe churche, and also my mortuary to be paid as the Lawe will. Item I will that my goodde shalbe devided in thre partes, that is to say, one p<sup>r</sup>te to my selfe, an other pte to my wife, and the thirde pte to my children. Item I give to Grace my doughter xx<sup>s</sup> toward her mariage, and x shepe wiche is hir owne, and also one kirtill. Item I give to Anne my doughter a girdill and ij shepe, and the same girdill to be in hir mother kepinge so longe as she kepis hir my wiffe. Item I give to William my sonne all my workinge gear p<sup>r</sup>teninge my occupacion, and foure dusson of shepe ledder. Item I give to Mr. Johne Fawkes my maister my best syluer spone desiringe him to be good m<sup>r</sup> to my wiffe and my children. Also I geve to maister Richard Fawkes iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Item I geve to Anthony and Oliu' my sonnes aither of thame twoo shepe and to Christ'er and Johne my sonnes aither of them a whye and also to the said Anne my doughter a gowne and a kirtill. Item I geve to Margaret myne aunte certayne close, and to Jenet my aunte a peticote and a napperon, and I geve to Dorothe Dibbe a gimmer, and to Anne Jeffray a yowe and a lambe, and also if Elizabeth my wife be w<sup>th</sup> childe at my deathe I will that the same childe haue it porcion of my goodde as other of my children haith. Item I gyve xij<sup>d</sup> to a mendinge of the highe waye betwixt Otley and Farneley, and I owe other xij<sup>d</sup> wiche Richarde Pawson gave to the same vse. The residewe of my goodde I honestlie broughe furthe shalbe equallie devided emonge my children, and I maike the said Eliz' my wyffe and William my sonne my executore, and I desier Nicholas Pawson and William Dibbe to be my supervisors, desiringe them to se this my said will fulfilled in all causes. Thes be

wyttnesses, Thomas Dunwell, Thomas Cave, Johne Teale.—[*Proved 12 May, 1555, by the widow. Grant reserved to the son.*]

ELLIS RAYNER, OF BIRSTALL.

(xiv. 242 b.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xxiiijth daye of Auguste in the yere of our lorde God 1553. I Ellys Rayner, of the pishing of Burstall, of hoole mynde, makithe my laste will in forme following. Furst I bequethe my soule to God Allmightie and to the companye of our blessed Ladye saincte Mary and to all the saintes in heaven, and my bodye to be buryed in the Churche yarde of Burstall of the hoolly apostles Peter and Poolle. In p'mis the hous and croft withall the lande therto belonging that I purchased at Wyscardhill which is nowe in the tenure and occupaçon of Costyn Fowler, I gyve it hoolly to WyHm Rayner my sonne and his heires for euer. Item the house and crofte w<sup>th</sup>all the landes y<sup>r</sup>to belonging in lytle Gomersall nowe in the tenure and occupaçon of WyHm Lang, I give them hoollye to George Rayner my sonne and his heires for ever. It'm I will that all my hoole goodes be set in thre partes. one parte to bring me fourthe at the tyme of my buriall to contente all manner of dettes and paye all my dettes, and another p'te of my goodes and landes to my wyfe according to the lawe, and the laste parte I give to all my children savinge WyHm and George my sonnes shalbe contente w<sup>th</sup> suche lande as I haue given them. And allso John my sonne shall haue no hoill parte but some thinge to be rewarded w<sup>th</sup>all at sight of Marmaduke Rayner, Lyonell Rayner, Thom's Goodall, and Peter Stublaye, w<sup>ch</sup> iiij men I desire and put in truste for me to be supvisors of this my laste will. Fynallye I make Elizabethe my wyfe, WyHm and George Rayner my sonnes, my full and lafull executors after my deceasse, desiaring my fore naymed supvisors to be good to my wyfe and my children as my speciall truste is in them. Moreouer yf any thinge remayne of my parte of goodes, all dettes and dewties contente and paid, I will that my supvisors devyde it to my youngest children at theire discreçons as they thincke moste nede. These men being wytnes. Thomas Gom'sall. Thomas Clarkson, Robert Norton, and Barnerde Lylle.—[*Proved 19 July. 1555.*]

ANTHONY HAMMOND, OF SCARTHINGWELL, ESQ.<sup>1</sup>

(xiv. 246 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxvjtie day of Auguste in the yere of our lorde God a thousande fivie hundrithe fyftie and thre, be it knownen that I Anthony Hamonde, of Skarthingwell of the parishe of Saxton in the countie of Yorke, Esquier, being sicke of bodye and hoole of mynde and p'fite of Remembraunce, ordeynith and maketh this to be my laste will and testamente in manner and forme following. Furste I giue and bequethe my soule to God allmightie most hartelye beseching hym to take me to his greate mercye so that my soule maye remayne w<sup>th</sup> our ladye sancte Marye, the mother of our saueyour Jesu christe, and all the blessed company in heaven, and my bodye to be buryed w<sup>th</sup>in the parishe Church where it shall please allmightie God to call me to his greate mercye.

(1) He heads the pedigree in *Dugdale's Visitation*, vol. ii, p. 441. He bought Scarthingwell.



Also I give to the proctor of the parishe Church of Saxton for my offeringes and tithes forgotten xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I give to poore folkes w<sup>th</sup>in the parishes of Saxton, Sherborne, Fenton, and Kirkbye, iiij<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> to be distributed at the discreçon of my executors. Also I will that Margaret Hamonde my wyfe shall haue for and in the nayme of her Jointer of Dower of all my landes and other her Estates in the same landes one yerely annuytie of twentie poundes to be paid quarterlye duryng her lyfe naturall to be receyved at the hands of my sonne Wy<sup>l</sup>m Hamonde and his heires, and also my chamber w<sup>th</sup>in my manor of Skarthingwell w<sup>ch</sup> she will choise. And also that she shall haue mete and drinke for her self, her maid, and one man s'v<sup>n</sup>te, with the fierwood necessary in her chambre at her pleasure, at the onelie costes of my said sonne Wy<sup>l</sup>m Hamonde and his heires duringe her naturall lyfe. And for the pformaunce of this Estate I will that my sayd sonne Wy<sup>l</sup>m Hamonde and one sufficient suertye w<sup>th</sup> hym shalbe bounden by his dede obligatorye in the some of one thowsande m<sup>k</sup>es to my sonnes in lawe Bryan Leedes and Henry Yonge. Also I give and bequethe to Jefferaye Metcalf my s'unte yerely during his lyve naturall xxvj<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> to be receved at the handes of my said son Wi<sup>l</sup>m Hamonde yerely, to be paid at the Feastes of Martynmes and Pentecoste by euen porçons. And for defaulte of paymente of the said yerely rente of Annuytie of xxvj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> or any parcell therof to distreyne vpon all my landes lately bought of S<sup>r</sup> George Cornewaill, knight. And also I give vnto Thomas Crostwhaite my s'unte one annuytie of the yerely Rente of xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup> during his lyfe naturall, to be Receyved at the handes of my said sonne Wy<sup>l</sup>m Hamonde yerely at the feastes of M<sup>t</sup>ynmes and Pentecoste by euen porçons. And for defaute of paymente of the saide yerely annuytie or rente of xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup> or any percell therof to be vnpaid at the feastes before expressed to distreyne vpon all my lands lately purchased vpon s<sup>r</sup> George Cornewaill, knight. Also I give vnto John Storre one other of my s'untens the house and garthe that he nowe dwellith during his lyfe naturall withoute any rente paying for the same. Also I will that Wy<sup>l</sup>m Hamonde my sonne immediatlye after my discease shall make and assure to Bryan Hamonde one of the yonger sonnes of my said sonne Wy<sup>l</sup>m Hamonde and to the heires mayles of the said Bryan lawfully begotten of landes and tent<sup>e</sup> of the clerely valewe of xx<sup>tie</sup> m<sup>k</sup>es lying and being w<sup>th</sup>in the parishe of Kirke Fenton, and for defalte of heires of the said Bryan Hamonde to remayne to the right heires of me the said Anthonye Hamonde. And that my said sonne Wy<sup>l</sup>m Hamonde shall haue the custodie and keping of the said Bryan Hamonde and the order and receyte of the said landes till he come to the age of xxj<sup>li</sup> yeres. And to kepe the said Bryan at Scholes of lerning and Innes of courte. And if my son Wy<sup>l</sup>m Hamonde do dye, as god defende, before the said Bryane come to the age of xxj<sup>li</sup> yeres That then the said Bryane Hamonde shalbe in the custodie of Bryan Leedes his vnkle. Also I geve vnto John Hamonde my nevey the yerely rente or annuytie of xl<sup>s</sup> during his lyfe naturall yerely to be receyved at the handes of my execut<sup>r</sup> so that he wilbe ordered by them or elles not. Also I give vnto Wy<sup>l</sup>m Hamonde the yonger xl<sup>s</sup> yerely during his lyfe naturall to be receyved at the handes of myne executors. Also I will that my children in lawe, Henry Yonge, Thomas Yonge, and Frances Leedes, shall haue euery one of them xxvj<sup>s</sup>

vij<sup>d</sup> by thandes of my executors. Also I giue and bequethe to Thomas Longleye my s'unte for his diligent s'uice xl<sup>s</sup>. Also I give and bequethe to Dorothe Yonge twentie m'kes to be paid at the daye of her maryage by thandes of myne executors. Also I will that Eliz' Hamonde, doughter of my sonne Wy<sup>h</sup>m Hamonde, shall haue of my gyfte one hundrethe m'kes towardes her maryage to be receyved at the handes of myne executors. Also I give to Bryan Hamonde one hoole complete harnes the beste but one, and all my other harnesses and Implemente of warre I give vnto Wy<sup>h</sup>m Hamonde my sonne during his lyfe and after his decease to Remayne hoolye to Anthonye Hamonde. Also I give vnto my welbelouid wyfe Margaret Hamonde one siluer salte and a cover, one lytle siluer cuppe w<sup>th</sup> a cover, and a siluer pece and vj siluer spones of the best that is dayly occupied w<sup>ch</sup> I haue delyuered her w<sup>th</sup> my handes. The residewe of all my plate and my cheyne of golde I give to Wy<sup>h</sup>m Hamonde my sonne to have the occupaçon therof all his lyfe, and after his decease to remayne vnto Anthonye Hamonde, sonne and heire of my saide sonne Wy<sup>h</sup>m Hamonde. Also I will that the residewe of all my s'unte to whome I haue bequethed nothing, shalbe rewarded at the discretion of my executors. Also I geve and bequethe to Bryane Leedes my sonne in lawe xl<sup>s</sup>. Also I give to Thomas Crosthwaite my s'unte xxvj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, whome I make supvisors of this my laste wyll and testamente for there paynes to see all thinges in my said wyll fulfilled. The residue of all my goodes not bequeathed, my dettes paid, my legace and funerall expens' paid, I give vnto Margaret Hamonde my wyfe and Wy<sup>h</sup>m Hamonde my sonne, whome I make my hoole executors of this my laste will and testamente. Geven at Skarthingwell the daye and yere aboue written. Wyttnesses hereof, Thomas Crosthwaite, Jefferaye Metcalfe.—[*Proved 2 Nov., 1555.*]

CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR, OF WESTERTON.

(xiv. 255 b.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the vij<sup>th</sup> day of October in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord 1554. I Ch<sup>r</sup>ofer Taylor, of Westerton w<sup>th</sup>in the pishe of Wodkirke, hole of mynd and of good remembrance, ordeyn and make this my last will in man' and fourme folowing: first I wil my soule to God Almightye, trusting throughe the gloryous intercessio' of the most blissed virgyn our lady St Mary and all the Celestiall Companye of heaven, and my body to be buryed w<sup>th</sup>in the halowed ground where it shall please God to call me. Also I gyve to John Taylor, my elder sonne, all my land in Rodwell and one house in Wodkirke y<sup>t</sup> John Fadyn dwelleth in, and the said John Taylor to maike one yerelye obbyt at the pishe Church at Wodkirke at the feast of St. John Baptist for eu'more for his grandfather soule and his grandmother soule and all Christen Soules, at the w<sup>ch</sup> obbyt the pish preist shall have vij<sup>d</sup> and to other p'ste other vij<sup>d</sup> betwene theym and the Clarke, and v<sup>s</sup> to be delt to the poore in bread. Also I gyve to Eliz' and Margret my daughters two ky betwene theym the best y<sup>t</sup> thei will choyse. It I gyve to W<sup>m</sup> Taylor, sonne of Thomas Taylor, one kowe w<sup>ch</sup> is at John Hunt. Also I gyve to Eliz' and Margret Tailor, daughters of Thomas Taylor, either of theym x<sup>s</sup>. Also I gyve to George and Rafe my sonnes, Jenet, Eliz', and Margret my doughters, eu'y of them v<sup>s</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> was geven to theym by their grandfaither; all this to be taiken of my hole

gooddes. Also I gyve to Thom's Speight sonne of John Speight iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I will y<sup>t</sup> my gooddes be devyded in three p'te, one to my wyfe, an other to my childer, and the third p'te I gyve to John Taylor, my yongest sonne, George Taylor and Rafe Taylor, whome I make my executors, and they to distribute for my soule as they and their friende thinke best. I will y<sup>t</sup> John Taylor, my yongest sonne, shalbe halfe executor w<sup>th</sup> the said George and Rafe. Also these to be supuisors of this my will, Edward Tailor, Gilbt Brown, John Grene, and John Hunt. Theise being witnesses, John Lee, yonger, and WiHm Lee. Dettē y<sup>t</sup> I owe: First to John Nettleton, dyar, iij<sup>s</sup> vj<sup>d</sup>. Dettē owen to me, first, Thom's Bradley xliij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>, John Grene xx<sup>s</sup>, Henrie Wynterburn vj<sup>s</sup>, Gilb't Feighfeild ij<sup>s</sup>. It' to Gilbt Feighfeild, windill of ry. It' to Rycherd Bothe a wyndill of rye. It' to James Winkinson a secke of haver.—[*Proved 11 June, 1555, by George Taylor. Grant reserved to the other executors, minors.*]

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JAMES CLAYTON, OF BIRSTALL.

(xiv. 260 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xxviiij<sup>th</sup> day of Marche in the yere of oure lord 1555. I James Clayton, in the pishe of Kirstall [Birstall], of hole mynd, maiketh my last will in fourm folowing: first I bequythe my soule to god Almyghtye and to the feloushippe of oure blessed ladye St. Mary and to all St<sup>e</sup> in heaven, and my body to be buried in the Church yeard of Kyrstall [Birstall] of the holye Apostles Peter and Paule. First I gyve to lytle Agnes Haylay a chimneye of iron, one yong quie styrke, and one ewe and a lambe, whiche gooddes shalbe and remayn in thandes of Thom's Clayton my sonne to set forward to hir pfytt tyll she come to thage of xvj<sup>th</sup> yeres. Also I gyve to Jenet and Eliz' Pogson to either of theym an ew and a lambe. Also if James Clayton my sonne chalence for any p'te of my gooddes then I will y<sup>t</sup> Thom's my sonne gyve to hym vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> and w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>t</sup> he shalbe contented. Also I gyve to John Pogson wif xv<sup>s</sup>, whereof v<sup>s</sup> is in his handes. Also I gyve to John Halay an ew and a lambe. And Thom's my sonne shall gyve to my daughter Halay wife one wyndell of rye. Finallye the rest of all my gooddes y<sup>t</sup> remaynethe, all many<sup>r</sup> of dettē and duties content and paid, I gyve theym holye to Thomson Clayton my sonne and also the take and good will of my farmehold and mylne (by the lycence of my M<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup> John Nevill), trusting his M<sup>r</sup>shippe wilbe good M<sup>r</sup> to hym as he haithē ben vnto me at all tymes. And I maike Thom's my sonne my full executor of all my gooddes and to fulfill this my last will. These being wytnes, Nichols Brocke, Gilbt Haldworthe, WiHm Byns, John Pogson, WiHm Taylor, WiHm Peyrson, Lynoell Rayner.—[*Proved 9 July, 1555.*]

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STEPHEN WISE, OF FARNLEY.

(xiv. 263 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xvj<sup>th</sup> day of Marche in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lorde a thousande fyve hundreth fiftie and foure. I Stephen Wise, of Ferneley, of good Remembraunce, maketh this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. Firste I bequeith my soule to God Almightye and to o<sup>r</sup> blessed Lady and to all the sanctes in heaven, and my

body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the churchyerd of Sancte Peter at Ledes. Item I bequeith to the hie altare for forgotten tithes or oblaçons yf there be any behinde vnpaid xij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I will that all suche costē as shalbe maid the day of my buriall to be maide at the discrecon of my wief and WiHm Judson my brother in Lawe and my debtē paid and my funerall expens' done. The residue of all my goode moveable and vnmoveable I gyve and bequeith to Margaret my wief and to the children accordinge to the Lawe. Item I maike my executors of this my last will and testament Margaret my wief and WiHm Judson my brother in Lawe. Theis beinge witnesses, Thomas Gibson, chapleyn, WiHm Crooke, WiHm Chapmā, WiHm Judson, with other.—[*Proved 13 Aug., 1554.*]

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JOHN LYNLEY, OF MIDDLETON.

(xiv. 268 h.)

In Dei nōie Amen: I John Lynley, of Midleton within the pishe of Rothwell, of a hole mynde and good Remembraunce, maketh this my last will and testament the xxviijth daie of Auguste in the yere of our Lorde god m<sup>li</sup>v<sup>c</sup>liij after this maner and forme folowinge. Firste I bequeith my soule to almightie god and to our Lady Sancte Mary and to all the celestiaall company in heaven, and my body to be buried within the churche yerde of Rothwell. Also I bequeith vnto my wief my fermeholde, all my goode moveable and vnmoveable, after my discease. Item I bequeith vnto Anne Lynley a quye styrke of thre yere olde and a gymer lame. Item I bequeith to WiHm Lynley all my best cloise to be arayed cleane ouer. Item I have boughte of WiHm Bushope a quarter and a half and fyve stroke of Rye and paid for and to be deliue'd betwixte this and all halowines. Item I bequeith vnto euery one of my god children iij<sup>d</sup>. Item I bequeith to the churche to bye anowrnamentē iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Item I bequeith to my mother iij yerde of marbyll clothe. Also I make Jenet my wief my full executrix of this my last will and testament. Thes being wittenes, WiHm Walker, James Walker, WiHm Lynley, Henry Hall. w<sup>th</sup> other.—[*Proved 13 Aug., 1554.*]

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BENEDICT WASCHE, OF KIRSKELL, ADEL.

(xiv. 269 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xth daie of Auguste in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> Lorde God a thousande fyve hundreth liij. I Benedic Wasche, of Kirkstall w<sup>th</sup>in the pishe of Addle, seke in Body but p<sup>f</sup>ite of memory, maketh this my last will and testament in maner followinge. Firste of all I gyve my soule to God Almyghtie, and my body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the churche yerde of Sancte John Baptiste at Addell. Also I assigne my fermehold in Horsfurthe nowe in the tenure of WiHm Cave to Johane my doughter. Also I gyve and assigne to Eliz. my doughter one fermehold in Rawden nowe in the teno<sup>r</sup> and occupaçon of Hawxfurthe wief. My funerall expens's maid and my dette paid, The Residue of my goode I gyve to Jane my wief, whome I make my full and lawfull executrix of this my last will to se it truelie executed and fulfilled. Recorde of my will, WiHm Foster, Richard Waite, and WiHm Lupton, clerke.—[*Proved 13 Aug., 1554.*]

## RICHARD WAITH, OF ARTHINGTON.

(xiv. 269 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xv<sup>th</sup> daie of Octobre in the yere of our lorde god a thousande fyve hundreth fiftie and thre. I Richard Waith, of Hardingto' of the parishe of Addill, of hole mynde and good Remembraunce, maketh this my Last will and testament in this fourme followinge. Firste I bequeith my soule to god almightie and to his mother our blessed Lady Sancte Mary and to all the faire felowship that is in heaven, and my body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the churche yerde of Addill. Also I bequeith to Thomas my sonne all my tentures and two paire of sheares. Also I gyve to Nicholes my sonne two oxen. And I bequeith to Laurens my sonne an oxe and to Thomas my sonne an oxe and to thre of my daughters euery one of them a cowe. Also I bequeith to Elizabeth my daughter a brode pan, and also to Alice my daughter a panne and a pott, and to Jane my daughter a panne. Also I gyve to Nicholes my sonne an arke that is in the seller and all the geere that belongeth to ploughe and wayne. Also I bequeith to John my sonne an arke whiche doith stande in the house and a fatt stot or a cowe or the price of them. And I bequeith to Mawde my daughter a whie that is w<sup>th</sup> John Waite, of Hemenbrughe. Also I gyve Nicholes Waite a bedde of cloyse. And the residue of my beddinge to be devided emongest my children not maried. And all my puther vessell to be devided emongest my thre daughters. And I bequeith to Wi<sup>th</sup>m Waite my sonne my best hat and my best dublet. The Residue of my goodē, my body honestlie broughte fourthe and my dettē paid, I gyve them to Nicholes Waythe my sonne, whome I maike my sole executor. In wittnes whereof, Mr. Henry Ardington, John Elles, Wi<sup>th</sup>m Waddington, w<sup>t</sup> other moo.—[*Proved 13 Aug., 1554.*]

## CHRISTOPHER ALLAN, OF WAKEFIELD.

(xiv. 272 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the seconde daie of Aprill in the yere of our Lorde god a thousande fyve hundreth fiftie thre. I Ch<sup>r</sup>ofer Alayne, of Waikelfelde, seeke in body but hole in mynde, makes this my testament and last will in maner and forme followinge. Firste I bequeith my soule vnto the father of heaven, and my body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the churche or Churche yerde of Waikelfeld, &c. Also I maike my wief and my two sonnes myn Executorē, and my wief to haue my hole takkē and she to kepe my two sonnes with there ptē. And if she chaunce to marry duringe my takkē then I will that she shall neither haue my takkē nor my children. But than I will that my two bretherne Richerd Allan and Roger Allan shall haue my two sonnes w<sup>th</sup> there ptē and my takkē to the bringinge vp of them. Theis beinge wittnes, that is to saie, s<sup>r</sup> Thomas Turner, prest, John Myllē thelder, Edwarde Hardy, and John Jackson.—[*Proved 3 Sept., 1554, by Eliz., the widow. Grant reserved to John, son of deceased, a minor, the other son being dead.*]

## HUMPHREY JOHNSON, OF WAKEFIELD, TANNER.

(xiv. 272 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the x<sup>th</sup> daie of Julie in the yere of our Lorde god mill'imo quingen<sup>mo</sup> liij<sup>to</sup>. I Vmfray Johnson, of Waikelfeld

within the Countie of York, Tanner, of good and perfite Remembraunce, seke in body, makith this my last will and testament as hereafter foloweth. Firste I bequeith my soule to God Almightye and to the Blessid Virgyn Sancte Mary and vnto all the Blessid Company of heaven, and my body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the parish Churche yerde of All halowes in Waikefeld. And I maike Jennet Johnson my wief and also my children my executrice, my dette and fynerrall expens' paid, that they shall haue and enioye all my goodē after my discease. It'm I will that Jennet my wief and my children shall haue the Tacke of this house after my discease duringe the yeres that are vnexpired. Item I maike Superviso<sup>r</sup> of this my last will Thomas Poplewell and Henry Johnson. Theis beinge witnes, Robert Lawe, Robert Norton, w<sup>th</sup> other moo as s<sup>r</sup> George Lee, prest, w<sup>th</sup> other moo. Theis be the debtē that I owe vnto John Boney for one Cowe hide p<sup>'</sup>ce iijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. And theis be the dette w<sup>ch</sup> thies men followinge owe vnto me. In primis, Chřofer Wollayne oweth vnto me iiij<sup>s</sup> vj<sup>d</sup>. It'm Leonerde Parker oweth vnto me xv<sup>d</sup>. It'm Richard Smorthwaite oweth vnto me iiij<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>.—[*Proved 3 Sept., 1554, by the widow. Grant reserved to the children.*]

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HENRY ROAME, OF METHLEY.

(xiv. 275 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxx daie of Octobre in the yere of our Lorde God a thousande fyve hundreth fyftie and thre. I Henry Roame, of the pish of Methley, seke in body and hole in mynde, make this my testament and Last will in maner and forme followinge. Firste I bequeith my soule to God almighty, and my body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the Churche yerde of Methley. In primis I bequeith to the newe brige, to the buyldinge of the same, ijs. Item I bequeith to Mathewe my sonne all my raiment. Also vnto the said Mathue one calf. It' to Jenet Reme my s'unte another calf. Item I bequeith to my sonne Mathue children v yerde of clothe to maike them coote of. Item to my doughter Eliz. one Qwey stirke. Also to Esabell Oswold another whie stirke. Item to Effame Oswold a litle brasse pottle. The Residue of all my goodē, my dette paid and I honestlie broughte furthe, I gyve and bequeith to Alice my doughter, whome I maike my executrix. Thes wittnes, John Dikonson, Robert Warde, Robte Chamer, w<sup>th</sup> other mo.—[*Proved 4 Oct., 1554.*]

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GEORGE BYWATER, OF SWILLINGTON.

(xiv. 280 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxiiij<sup>th</sup> daie of August in the yere of oure lord Godd a thousand fyve hundreth fyftie and foure. I George Bywater, of the pish of Swillington, of good and p'fyt remembr'unce, maiketh this my testament and last will in man' and fourme following, viz. Fyrst I gyve and frely betaike my soule to Godd almighty, the blissed virgyn oure ladye St Marie, and to all the Celestiall Companye of heaven, and my bodye to be buried in the Churche yard of Swyllington. Also I bequythe to the hye altare viij<sup>d</sup>. It' I bequythe to the Church nedes ijs. Also I bequythe to Thom's Bywaiter my brother my best jackytt. Also I bequythe to Wiłm Bywater, sonne of the said Thom's, one whyte Rygged quye. Also I assign my farmeholde to Annes my wyfe to bring vpp my small children so long as she dothe not marye, and

if she do mary then my eldest sonne, Arthure, to have yt. Also I bequythe to Mr. Arthur Dyneley to be good m<sup>r</sup> to my wyfe and poore children one angell noble. The rest of all my gooddes, my dettē and fun'allē paid and discharged, I gyve to Agnes my wyfe and Arthure my sonne, Jenett, Michael, Margret, Isabell, Thom's, Wiłm, and Rychard Bywater, my eight children, whom I make my executors to do for me as I have put theym in trust. Theise being wytnesses, John Dawson, curate, Arthure Dyneley, gentlemen, S<sup>r</sup> Stephen Hemsworthe, Thom's Mytele, and Richerd Peise, w<sup>th</sup> other mo.—[*Proved 30 Oct., 1554, by Agnes the widow. Grant reserved to the children.*]

## MARY HARDCASTLE, OF WOMERSLEY.

(xiv. 293 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the iij<sup>th</sup> day of December in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> Lord God a thowsande five hundrethe fiftye and two. I Marye Hardcastell, of Wom'slaye, wedowe, hole of mynde and of good memorye, loved be god, do ordeine and make my laste will and testament in manner and forme following. First I give and witte my soule to allmightie god, to our Ladie sanct marie, and to all the celestially company of heaven, and my bodie to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the pishe church of Saxton. It' I bequeath to Wedderbe brigge xxvj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It' to Walsheworthe brigge xxvj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It' to Tadcaster brigge xxvj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It' to Castleforth brigge xxvj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It' to Ferybrigge xxvj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, and to mending of Feribrigge causaye xij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. It' I bequeath to Anne Skergell my god daughter my lease of my farmolde at Wom'slaye w<sup>th</sup> all my oxen, plughe and wayn, and all other thinge pteyning to husbandrie, and the croppe of corne growing vpon the grownde. It' I bequeath to my brother Thomas children iij<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> in monney, two gownes, two kirtellē, the one of russels and thother of clothe w<sup>th</sup> straitte sleeves. It' I bequeath to Wiłm Bransbie xl<sup>s</sup>. It'm to Myles P'ston xx<sup>s</sup> and a pare of Hemptere shetē. It' I bequeath to my cosin Waren Skergell a maire, a follower, and her foole. It' to my cosyn Wiłm Skergell a meare, a follower, and her fole, the one is baye and the other is graye. It' I bequeath to my cosyn Dorothe Skergell two kie, one w<sup>th</sup> a tagged taile and the other garded, being w<sup>th</sup> Thom's Cowp, a nawmblyng meare and hir foole. It' I bequeathe to eu'y one of my god childer in Wom'slaye p'she xij<sup>d</sup>. It' I bequeath to s<sup>r</sup> Wiłm Goñt an aungell noble. It' I bequeath to my Ladie Layton a golde ring. It' to Elizabeth Hudeswell a blacke gowne. It' s<sup>r</sup> George Lister a blacke cloke and an aungell noble. It' I bequeath to Margaret Burdsall a hatte, a cappe, a fine kerchew, and vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It' to Elizabeth Richardson, Alice Palden, Jennet Burdsall, and Dyonesse Grene, eu'y one of them a kerchew, a smocke, and xij<sup>d</sup> of monney. It' I bequeath to Margaret Weddrell a lite white cappe, a kerchew, a hempe heire smocke, and xij<sup>d</sup>. It' I bequeath to Agnes Wodde xij<sup>d</sup>. It' to upper Crostwhaite vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It' to Katheron Cowp xij<sup>d</sup>. It' to Alice Lyñe xij<sup>d</sup>. It' to Margaret Brigge xij<sup>d</sup>. It' to Richard Thornton xij<sup>d</sup>. It' to Thomas Brigge xij<sup>d</sup>. It' to Maistres Leade a chamblet gowne and a veluet bonet. It' to my godson her son vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It' I bequeath to my cosyn Dorothe Skergell a cupborde, a cowntor, and two greate chestē. The residew of all my goode vnbequest, my dettē paid and all other my legacies and be-

queste well and trewlie p'formed according to the true entent of this my last will and testament, I give to Warren Skergell, whom I make my full executor for to bring me forth honestlye and to dispose for the health of my soule after his discrecion. In witnesses wherof, Withm Cowp, clarke, Bryan Otte, Thomas Yoille, Xpofer Danyell, with others.—[*Proved 6 Nov., 1554.*]

RICHARD SHARP, OF METHLEY.

(xiv. 294 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the vij<sup>th</sup> day of August in the yere of our Lorde God a thowsande five hundreth fyftee and foure, I Richard Sharpe, of the p'ishe of Methelley, of good wit and remembraunce, thancke be to God, make this my will and testament in manner and forme following. Furst I bequeath my soule in to the hande of Allmightie God my creator and redemer, and that it may accompany w<sup>th</sup> his mother our ladye sancte Marye the Virgyn and w<sup>th</sup> all the sancte that is in the kingdom of heaven, also I bequeath my bodye to be buryed w<sup>th</sup> in the p'ishe church yarde of the said Methelley. Also I bequeath to the blessed sacrament iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeath to the most nedc of the churche xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeath to Anne Sharpe xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeath to Jennet Sharpe, my eldest doughter, x shepe. Also I bequeath to Agnes my doughter on quhye. Also I will that Margaret Lowke my syster haue one yeres howse rente. Also I bequeath vnto Effam Dicconson, Anne and Jennet her sisters, and vnto every one of them one ewe lambe. The residew of all my gooder not bewitte, my dette paid and funerall expns's taken therof, I bequeath and geve vnto Elizabeth my wife and to John, Jennet, and Agnes, my children, whom I ordene and make my lawfull executors to the entent that they shall execute and mynister my said gooder according to the tenor and intent of this my said will and testament. Witnesses therupon, Robert Ward, Richard Webster, Withm Shanne, and Sr Lawrence Otte, curate. It' where as I haue gyven up by surrender certayne grownde called Peille as aperyth by copys therof vnto John Dickenson for the term of x yeres, he yelding and paing yerelie for the said x yeres xx<sup>s</sup> in the yere vnto Jennet Sharpe and Agnes Sharpe my children or elle to be bounde to pay to them at x yeres end xl<sup>s</sup>. It' I bequeath to John my sonne one iron chymneye w<sup>ch</sup> is in the hande of John Dickonson, and if the said John my son dye or he come to lawfull age then I will that Jenet and Agnes my childer shall haue yt. Witnesses herof, Rycharde Webster and Edward Dobson.—[*Proved 21 Nov., 1554, by the widow. Grant reserved to the others, minors.*]

THOMAS WILKINSON, OF WHITWOOD.

(xiv. 297 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxviiij day of September in the year of our lord god m'ccccliij. I Thomas Wilkinson, of Witwod within the pish of Fetherstone, knoweing nothing more certaine then death and nothing more vncertaine than the howre of the same, makes this my last will and testamente in manner and forme followinge. The first I bequeathe my sawle to god almightie, humblie beseeching the glorious virgin Marie and all the celestially companye in heven to pray for me, and my bodye to be buried within the church yearde of Fetherston. Item I bequeath



for my mortury accordinge to the Lawe of the Realme. Item I bequeathe to the blisshed sacrament at Fetherston for tiethes forgotten ijs<sup>s</sup>. It'm I bequeathe to Katheryn and Agnes my doughters to eyther of them one cowe. Item to Margaret my doughter an other cowe and ij yowes and ij lambes. Item I bequeathe to John and France my sonnes to eyther of theme a cowe or a whye at note, and to John my sonne ij yowes and ij lambes. Item I bequeathe to Robt Bloyme, yonger, a yowe and a lambe, and to Edwarde Wilkinson a yowe and a lambe. Item I will that Margaret shall haue the lease with interest of my farmeholde so longe as she leues yf she kepe hir sole and vnmarried, and yf she marrye or depte owte of this worlde then I assigne, will, and gyve the lease and the interreste of my said farmeholde to Stephen Wilkinson and Gilbert Wilkinson my sonnes, and yf Stephen be able to occupie my said farmeholde hime self then I will that the said Stephen shall gyve v<sup>li</sup> of his owne propper gooddes vnto Gilbte my sonne to get hime a farmeholde withall. Also I will that my goode not bequeathed be devided in thre p'tes, one to my children vnmarried, the second parte to my wif, and the third vnto all my children vnmarried and my wif. I brought furthe therof and my will proved therof, The Residew of my goode, my dette paid, I gyve and bequeathe vnto Margaret my wif, Stephen and Gilbte my sonnes, whome I make myne executors. Thes witnes, Edwarde Wormall, clerke and vicar of Fetherstone, Henry Smyth, Wiłm Balge, Nicoles Everingh'm, with other.—[*Proved 31 Jan., 1554-5.*]

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ELIZABETH TURPIN, OF TOWTON.

(xiv. 298 b.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xxth day of Auguste in the yere of our Lorde God a thousande fyve hundreth ij. I Eliz<sup>a</sup> Turpin, of Towton, layte wif of Robte Turpin, decessed, hole of mynd and of good memorie, loved be God, maketh my last will and testament in mann' and forme followinge. Fyrst I gyve and wit my soul to almightie god, to our Lady sancte Marie, and to all the Celestyall company of heven, and my bodie to be buried within the pishe cherche or churche yearde of Saxton. Also I gyve and bequeath all my gooddes, my dettes paid, to George Turpin, Alexander Turpin, and Francis Turpin, my children, whome I ordayne and make my full executors of this my laste will and testament, and I will that they be at thorder and governynge of Alexander Laycocke my father and Margaret Turpin my mother in lawe vnto such tyme they be of lawfull aige, and to bringe me furthe honestlie and dispose for the health of my saull after ther discreSSIONS. In witnes hereof, George Parker and Alexander Laycocke, with other.—[*Proved 9 Feb., 1554-5, by Alexander Laicoke, guardian of George, Alexander, and Francis Turpin during minority.*]

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HENRY THAURTON, OF HOLBECK.

(xiv. 301 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the vj day of October in the yere of our lorde God in m<sup>l</sup>ccccliiij. I Henry Thaurton, of Hollocke [*sic*], clothier, in the pishinge of Leedes, of hole mynde and good remembrance, maketh my will and testamente in manner and forme followinge. Firste I bequeath my soull vnto almightie god my redemer and maker, and my bodie

to be buried within my pishe churchē yerde of Sancte Peter at Ledes, and also I will that dettē shalbe paid of my hole goode. Also I giue and bequeath vnto Eliz' my wif all my farmeholde and house that I dwell in withall the appurtenance ther vnto belongingē yf the lorde therof wilbe contented and pleased, and the tactē and yeres of two closes called little Riddingē, a gray cowe, a cobborde, a flanders chiste, hir nappe ware and the sylver spones shall she haue duringe hire naturall lif and then to dispose theme emongē hir childern as she thinke the beste. Also I give and bequeath to Wiłm, Rođer, and George, my sonnes, my leade emongē theme besides ther parte and porcion, and to Thomas my sonne a paire of my beste chaires Schayres [*sic*]. Also I will that my goodes shalbe devided into thre p'ties, one p'tie to my wif, on other p'tie to be devided emongē my children, Thomas, Agnes, Wiłm, John, Henry, Roger, and George, and the thridde parte to bringe me furthe withall, and I will that Agnes my doughter shall haue xx<sup>s</sup> of my parte to mende hir withall, and John my sonne shall haue vjs viij<sup>d</sup> and Henry my sonne vjs viij<sup>d</sup>, and I bequeathe to Alison Popellwell my s'unte vjs viij<sup>d</sup> and to Thomas my sonne a gray cowe or xx<sup>s</sup> and to Sr Richerde Beckwith vjs viij<sup>d</sup>. And I make Eliz' my wif and George my sonne my full executore of this my laste will and testamente to dispose and order for the healthe of my soull as they judge beste to be done, and Richerde Haighe to be supvisor hereof this will and he shall haue my beste jackett. Recordes of this will and testamente, Richerde Leigh, Roger Leigh, George Hargraue, Wiłm Hargraue, with other. Thomas Laythley, in the foreste of Gawteresse, oweth vnto Henry Thaurton, of Holbecke, a quarter of rye and x<sup>s</sup> of money that he lente hime.—[*Proved 2 March, 1554-5.*]

#### NICHOLAS RODES, OF HAWKSWORTH.

(xiv. 301 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xx<sup>th</sup> day of Julie in the yere of our lorde God a thowsande five hundreth fiftie and thre. I Nicholas Rodes of Hawkworth, in the p'ishinge of Otley, beinge of whole mynde and good memorie, make this my laste will and testament in manner and forme followinge. Firste I bequyethe my soull to Allmightie God my maker and redemer, and my bodie to be buried in the churchē yearde of Otley my pishe churchē. Item I bequeath my lease of my farmehold to Margaret my wif duringe hir lif naturall to the bringeingē vp of my children and hers, and after hir decease I will that the same lease remayne to Thomas my sonne, he painge to every of my fower children, that is to say, Xpofer, Henry, John, and Janet, x<sup>s</sup>, provided alwayes that yf my sonne Thomas shalbe provided of a farmeholde by marrage or by any other meanes then I will that my said lease shalbe at the order of Wiłm Rodes, John Rodes, and Chřofer Rodes, to one of my fower childeren affore named at ther discession, then my sone Thomas (yf that forton) shall haue x<sup>s</sup> of theme that shall haue the farmeholde. The Reste of my goode I honestlie broughte furthe I giue and bequeath to Margaret my wif, Xpofer, Henry, John, and Janet, my childerin, whome I make my executors of this my last will and testament. Thes witnessinge the same, Wiłm Rodes, John Rodes, and Xpofer Rodes, with other mo, desyringe them to se this my will fulfilled in all pointes.—[*Proved 2 March, 1553-4.*]

## ROBERT GAYLE, OF BEESTON.

(xiv. 301 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the laste of December in the yere of our lord god a thowsand fyve hundreth fiftie and fower. I Robt Gayle, of Beiston in the Countie of Yorke, yoman, beinge of hole mynde and pfit remembrance, doith make this my laste will and testamente in manner and forme followinge. Fyrste I gyve and bequeathe my soull to God Allmightie, to our ladie sancte Marie, and to all the Celestiall company of heven, and my bodie to be buried within the church or church yearde of Ledes, also I bequeath to the hie alter xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I give and bequeath to Wiſhm my sonne iiij yewes and also to Roberte my sonn iiij yewes; also I give and bequeath to Margerye and Katheren my daughters to eyther of theme iiij yewes. Also I giue to eu'ye one of my god chyldein xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I give to Wyſhm my sonn children v yewes and to Robte my sonne child one yewe. Also I will that Wiſhm Smyth my sonn in lawe be well and truelie paid vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I give and bequeathe to Margerye my daughter to her mariage vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup> and she to be honestlie appparelled at hir said mariage in the name of hir childes porçon. Also I will that my farmeholde be occupied as heareafter followeth, that is, to witt, that Alice my wif haue two kye gate in somer in a close called lacton leys and also one ynge called the nether end of hagg ynge and also in eu'y feilde an acre of earable ground, and also I will that Robte my sonne shall haue ij kye gayte in the dede Roodes and iiij acres of Earable ground and also the end of the close that the colepitt<sup>e</sup> was in, to haue thes parcells abovesaid to suche tyme as the said Robte can better provide for himeself, and the said Robte to pay to Wiſhm his brother for the said peels as the said Wiſhm paid to his father. Also I give to the said Roberte my sonne one cowe, also I give to John Gayll my brother my best Jackett salvinge one. Also I will that Wiſhm my sonne shall haue and occupie my hole farmeholde after my decease savinge suche peels as is afforesaid to Alice my wif and Robte my sonne, also the Reste of all my good<sup>e</sup> ynbequeathed, my dette paid and my funerall expenses laid downe and paid, I give to Alice my wif to bestow for my soull healthe, whome I make my treue and lawfull executrix to se that this my laste will be truelie pformed. Thes beinge witnes, Robte Erle, Rawff Moxon, Word<sup>e</sup> (worthe Clerke, with other mo.—[*Proved 2 March, 1554-5.*]

ROBERT CHALONER, OF STANLEY.<sup>1</sup>

(xiv. 311 a.)

In the name of God Amen: vij<sup>th</sup> July Anno D'ni MDlv<sup>o</sup>. I Robte Chaloner<sup>r</sup>, of Stanleie, of hole mynde and pfitte memorye, make this my last wille and testamente in man<sup>r</sup> and forme followinge, that is to saye. First I bequeath my soule vnto the mercye of Almightye god my maker and Redemer, and my bodye to be buried where it shall please Almightye God to pvide for me and to call me to his mercye. Also I bequethe to the vycar of Waikefeilde that tyme beinge x<sup>s</sup> for my mortuarye according

(1) Mr. Walker, in the notes on the Chaloner family in the "Cathedral Church of Wakefield," does not refer to the testator and his interesting bequests to the church and the chapel on the bridge. The family were long connected with Wakefield, and the bequest to Sir Thomas Chaloner, knight, points to a probable connexion with the Guisborough family.

to the statute and other x<sup>s</sup> for my tythes forgotten and not fullye paid. Also I wille that at the daie of my buriall xiiij poore men bearinge xiiij tapers whereof xij to be of ij<sup>li</sup> wax and the xiiij<sup>t</sup> to be of iiij<sup>li</sup> wax, and shall haue euery one of them a white gowne after the discretion of my executours. And the same tapers to be burned aboute my bodye vnto the eight daye after my decease and deſtynge oute of this worlde, And then all the said tapers to be offred to the most blessed sacramente of the altare. Also I will that at the said daye of my buryall eu'ye pson that will aske any Almes haue j<sup>d</sup> or more at the discrecion of my executours as theie were at my wyfes buryall. Also I will that at the said daie of my buryall dirige and messe be said for my soule and everye priest of the said pſhe to haue viij<sup>d</sup> and the vicar and Curate either of them xij<sup>d</sup> and eu'ye straunge priest vj<sup>d</sup>. Also I wilbe gladde to haue so many trentalle as can be conuententlye said that weke for my soule. And eu'ye preist that will saye masse for the same to haue iiij<sup>d</sup> for eu'ye messe. Also I gyue to my brother John Sheffelde my beste gowne and xl<sup>s</sup> of moneye. Also to Robte Ryshworthe my ij gowne to be taken at his election. Also to Wiſhm Hobson my iij gowne to be taken at his election. Also to Michel cure my iiij<sup>t</sup> gowne. Also to Bryane Sharpe my fiſte gowne. Also to Robte Lawſonne my ſixte gowne or cote. Also to John Precharde my vij<sup>t</sup> gowne, the Resydue of my gownes and also dublette of fusteane and other of myne apparell excepte silke to be bestowed amonges my s'uante and poore people at the discretion of my said executours. Also I will that eu'y one of my s'uante whiche at the tyme of my deathe shall take wages of me shall haue one hole yeare wage in Recompence of their wages for their s'uice done before that tyme. And also that eu'y one that shall not haue one my gownes as is before said shall haue one cote or leu'aye at the discretion of my said executours. Also I bequethe all my hose to be distributed amonges my maidens to make them hose of. And suche as ar not mete for them, to be gyue to the poore folkes by the discretion of my said executors. And as for all my sylke I gyue to make ornamente of the churche or other godlye disposition by my executors. Also I gyue to s<sup>r</sup> Thomas Gargrave knyghte one gilted syluer sponne. It'm to s<sup>r</sup> Leonard Bekewithe knyghte another gilted siluer sponne, to M<sup>r</sup> Franke Rookesbye one other gilted sponne, desiringe them to helpe my executors in their good and Rightfull causes. Also I beqwethe to Doctor Robertson, Vicar of Wakefeilde, one of the ij ale cuppes of siluer gilted. Also I will that Edward Guye, France Graunte, and Alland Jepson haue eu'ye one of them one newe cote at the discretion of myne executours. Also I gyue to Thomas Denton, M<sup>r</sup> Doctor Robtson s'uante one newe p<sup>a</sup>, to Wiſhm Barmbye my best bowe and one sponne. It'm to John Tyndaile the clocke whiche he gaue me and one sponne. It'm to s<sup>r</sup> Henrye Sayuell knight his white mare whiche he gaue me. It'm I will that all my bookes of Lawe aswell those whiche ar at Yorke as at my house, Also all those whiche be at London yf there can be conueied, hadde, or caryed by any meane to grauisin to my cosin Robt Nowell. And then xl<sup>s</sup> in moneye to be delyuered vnto the said Robte Nowell to thentent that he maie by cheines therew<sup>th</sup> and fasten so manye of them in the Librarye at grauisin as he shall thinke conuenyente, and all the Residue whiche are not necessarye for the said Librarye my said cosin Nowell to

take or gyue at his pleasure. It'm I beqwethe to eu'ye of my godchildren ijs<sup>s</sup> whiche will aske it w<sup>th</sup>in one yere. Also to eu'ye of George Kente children whiche he had w<sup>th</sup> his first wyfe x<sup>s</sup>. It'm to s<sup>r</sup> George Lee, preist, x<sup>s</sup>, and he to saie a trentall of masses for me at conueniente Laisure. Also to s<sup>r</sup> Edwarde Wood, to s<sup>r</sup> Xpofer Steede, to s<sup>r</sup> Richard Sele, and s<sup>r</sup> Williã Ball eu'ye one of them to haue x<sup>s</sup> for like pu'pose. Also I will then when socu' my Cosin Fleminge is minded and also do putt any of his children forthe of the pishe of Wakefeilde to s'uiue or to be prentice that eu'y of the said children putte from him as is beforesaid shall haue xx<sup>s</sup> toward their apparell and settinge forthe. Also I giue to the commons of grauison xx<sup>s</sup> for suche wronge as I did to the house when I contynued there. Also to Robt Hobson thelder x<sup>s</sup>. It'm as conc'ninge my Lande where before this tyme John Chalonar my father whose soule God p'don and Peares Coup and others then of the substanciall tailoures of Wakefeilde were agreed that there shulde be a common aultar in the pishe cherche of Wakefeilde for eu'ye preist to saie masse at that woulde and my said father appointed viij<sup>s</sup> in a yere to suche a poore man as shuldbe appointed by the said occupaçon to attend of the said aultar and also my said father willed one obett to be yerelie done in Wakefeilde church for his soule, his auncytors, and all christen soules which was neu' executed. Nowe it is my will that Rychard Browne, William Browmehead, [blank] Adcocke, and other tailiors for the tyme beinge of the said occupaçon of the tailiours of Wakefeilde shall haue to them their heires and assignes for eu' those ij houses in Kirkegate which Rauf Babotte and Wiłm Cookson holdithe to thentent that the said tailiors shall firste of all see them yearelye sufficiently Reparellled and w<sup>th</sup> parcell of the Residue of the said ij houses to giue x<sup>s</sup> to thafforesaid poore man attendinge of the said common aultar accordinge to them ordiñnces and deuise and then w<sup>th</sup> the Residue of the Rentes of the said houses to make yearelye one obett for my soule, myne auncitors, and the soules of all the men of thafforesaid occupaçon and all christen soules. Also I gyue to John Precherd for the terme of his life the house w<sup>th</sup> th'appurteñnces wherin his mother dwellethe. It'm ij Leacyes of the backe syde of the same. It'm one litle close whiche was tydinge and one other whiche was Roger Nowells and half an acre in the North feilde whiche his said mother nowe holdithe and so muche of the p'misses as he copie holde. I purpas God willinge to surrender accordinglee. Also I wille that Wiłm Hobson haue my tacke and Lease of Rothwell he painge furthe of the same yearelie so longe as the said yeares do endure the Kinges Rentes, and xiijs<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> to Thomas Sheiffeilde, xx<sup>s</sup> to the Reparaçon of the bridges and causeis of Swillinton bridge and aboute Rothwell, and xx<sup>s</sup> to hie wayes aboute Stanleie and xx<sup>s</sup> to the poore folkes of Stanleie and hamlette belonging to the same. Also I wille that Robt Ryshworthe haue my lease and tacke of the holmes at Selhye and all the Residue of the yeares whiche I haue in the same, he painge yearlye the lorde Rente and xx<sup>s</sup> yerelye to the poore people of Stanleie and the hambelette belonging to the same. Also I wille that all my ymages in my chapell the doers for the chapell of oure ladie of Wakefeilde bridge to haue so many of them for the anornmente of the said chapell as theie shall thinke and conueniente, and the Residue of them to be taken by the preistes of Wakefeilde church for the ornament of eu'ye

of their Closette yf thei will. Also I will giue to the common aultar my best vestmente, the seconde to the chapell of the bridge, and the Residue of my vestmente to the aultar of the pishe church of Wakefeilde which hathe most nede of them. Also I gyue to s<sup>r</sup> John Neuell, knight, one siluer sponne one of the xij Apostles. It'm to Francys Frobysher one other of the same. It'm to Frauncis Noderos' one other of the same, And to Wiłm Hamonde one other of the same. It'm to Henry Gryce one other of the same. It'm to Nicholas Farnell, of Darton. one other of the same. It'm to Steven Paslowe one other of the same. Item I giue to Henry Witham my blacke satin cote. It'm to my brother John Sheiffeilde my tawneye damaske Jackit. It'm I giue to the comynaltie of Stanleae that whiche is called Stanleie onelye ij plate cotes or Jackes at the discretion of myne executors, ij bowes, ij shaiffes of arowes, and ij paire of splente to s'ue for them when thei shalbe called vpon by the Kinge and the quene. It'm to Michaelle Eure the nagge whiche was his mothers. It'm I gyue to Richard Fornes x<sup>s</sup>. I gyue to Mychaell Cheriholme ij ewes and ij Lambes. It'm I will that Bryan Sharpe and Robte Lawson that either of them shall haue for their paines takinge xx<sup>s</sup>. It'm I giue to Richard Fleminge one newe x<sup>s</sup> of golde. It'm to John Laike one other x<sup>s</sup> of golde. It'm I gyue to Brya' Bradforthe one syluer sponne one of the xij Apostles. It'm one other to Christofer Feilde of the same. It'm I will that the syde table in my hall stand and be vntaken awaye. It'm I will that eu'ye of my vncle Thomas Chaloner dought' children haue xx<sup>s</sup>. It'm I will that s<sup>r</sup> Robert Thornton prest shall sing and saie masse at Waykfeilde church for my soule by the space of one yere next after my deathe and he to haue for his Labor v<sup>li</sup>. It'm I will that Robt Smithe and Margaret Prechet haue one honest bedde w<sup>th</sup> all other thinges therto belonginge and all my s'uant<sup>e</sup> to haue their bedde which theie do lye in. It'm I giue to s<sup>r</sup> Thomas Chalonar, knyghte, my vnicorne horne. It'm by this my last will and testamente I make Robte Rysworthe and Wiłm Hobson my sole executors of this my last Wille & testamente. And then to dispose the Residue of all my goodes and catals not hereto fore beqwithed in the works of charitie for the welthe of my soule and that Doctor Robtson shall call vpon them w<sup>th</sup> diligence to bestowe the said gooddes as is afforsaid. And theie to do all thinges that he shall reasonablye commaunde them to do. In wytnes whereof to this my last will and testamente I haue subscribed my name and sette my Seall the daie and yere abouewritten.—[*Proved 10 Oct., 1555.*]

ROGER PERESON, OF MONK FRYSTON.

(xv. j. 8 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxiiij daye of Januarie in the yere of oure lorde God 1555. I Roger Pereson, of Monkefriston, being hool of mynde and good of remembraunce, make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soull to God allmightie, to oure blessid ladie, and to all the celestiall companye of heven, and my bodie to be buried in my pishe church yerde of Monkefrystone. Also I bequeathe to the holie sacrament ij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue to Jennett my wiff ij of my best sheepe and one cowe. Also I giue to Alice my doughter one yowe hogge. Also I giue to Richarde Jennynge my curate to praye

for my soull xij<sup>d</sup>. The Residewe of my goodē, I honestlie brought furthe and my dette paid, I giue to Jennett my wiff, William my sone, Katheryn, Agnes, Esabell, and Alice, my doughters, whom I maike myne executors. Thes beinge wytnes, Sir Richarde Jennynge, Richarde Fuyster, Thomas Richardsone, Arthure Pereson, with other moo.—[*Proved 2 March, 1555, by Jenet, the widow. Grant reserved to the children, minors.*]

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RICHARD WEBSTER, OF FAIRBURN.

(xv. j. 17 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the last day of December in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> Lord god m<sup>l</sup>cccc<sup>th</sup>lv<sup>th</sup>. I Richard Webster, of Farbarne, hooll of mynde and of good and p<sup>r</sup>ite remembrance, ordeinne and maike my testamente and last will in maner and forme folowinge. Firste I gyve and comende my soull unto god almightie with all the blessed sanctē in heaven, and my bodie to be buried within the churche yerde of All sanctē at Ledsh'm. Also I bequeathe vnto the vicar there for tithes and oblacons forgotten viij<sup>d</sup>. Item I gyve and bequeathe vnto Richarde my sonne one yocke of my oxen at his owne election and one iron bounde wayne, the waynhead yocke, shakkell and bolte, Also one quarter of wheate, a quarter of barlie, a quarter of pees, and a quarter of haver. Item to Thomas my sonne too quarters of barlie. Item to Alicie Talior my doughter one blacke amlinge meare. Item to William Talior and Alexander his brother to either of theme one shepe. Item to Elsabethe Talior one blacke hawkid whie. Item to Elinge Talior a yewe shepe. Item to Margarete my wif one fillie and also I will that Margarete my said wif haue one holme gaite and also vj acars of arabley land belonginge to my fermehold in the seu'all feildes of Ferborne And also one litle howse at the Laithende for her corne to lye in, And my sonne Richarde to plowe the said land, And the said Margarete to pay for plewing of the same, the saide Margarete to haue the said holme gate And vj acars of land duringe her wedowehead and no longer bot as the custome of the Countrie requirethe, and then the saide holm gate and lande to remayne vnto Richard my sonne to whome I gyve all the Residewe of my hooll Fermehold with all comodities and proffette belonginge to the same. Also I bequeathe vnto John Talior my sonne in lawe one ox and half a quarter of barlie. The Residewe of all my goodes not bequeathed, my dette paid, fun'all costes maid, and my will fulfilled, I gyve vnto Margarete my wif, Richard and Thomas my sonnes, whome I orden and maike my executors of this my last will and testamente. Witnesses, John Smythe, Thomas Illingworthe, and John Bywater.—[*Proved 7 April, 1556.*]

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ROBERT ROGER, OF FEATHERSTONE.

(xv. j. 13 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xiiij<sup>th</sup> day of Marche in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> Lord god m<sup>l</sup>cccc<sup>th</sup>lv<sup>th</sup>. I Robert Roger, of the pische and towne of Fetherston, makithe this my last will and testamente in maner and forme folowinge. The furste I gyve and bequeathe my soull to god almightie, to our ladie sancte Marie, beseechinge hir and all the celestiaall companye in heaven to pray for me, and my bodie to be buried within the churche yerde of Fetherstone. As for my goodes, cattels, and dette, I honestlie

brought furthe and my dette paid (if any be), I gyve theme to Isabell my wif the whome I maike my executrix. Thes witnes, Edward Wormall my curate, Robert Abbot, William Everingh'm, and Stephen Vsher, w<sup>th</sup> other.—[*Proved 22 April, 1556.*]

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THOMAS POLLARD, OF OKENSHAW.

(xv. j. 21 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxvij<sup>th</sup> day of December in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord God m<sup>l</sup>cccclv<sup>th</sup>. I Thomas Pollard, of Okynshay in the pishenge of Byrshall, of hooll mynd, maikethe my last will in forme folowinge. First I bequeathe my soull to god almightie and to the company of o<sup>r</sup> blessed ladie sancte mary and to all the sancte in heaven, and my bodie to be buried in the churche yerd of Byrshall of the holie Apostelle Peter and Paule. Firste at the tyme of my buriall I wilbe browght furthe of my hooll goodes, and all my dette and dewties shalbe contentid and paid of the hooll goodes, And then the Rest that remayneth of all my goodes I gyve theme holie to Margarete my wif and my children savinge that I gyve to Jane my doughter iij<sup>li</sup> over and above her childe porçon. Also I gyve the taike of my Fermeholde to Thomas Pollerd my sonne, and he to stand tenand to the lord. And Margaret my wyf and he shall occupie the fermehold togethers. And my wif to be chief thereof duringe her lif with the Licence of the Lord. Item I maike Thomas and Roger Pollard my sonnes my full executors to fulfill this my laste will. Thes men berynge witnes. Wiłm Pereson, Lawrence Pollard, Wiłm Pereson younger, and Roger Pereson, William Talior.—[*Proved 22 April, 1556.*]

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THOMAS GARLICKE, OF WOODHOUSE, NORMANTON.

(xv. j. 21 b.)

In the name of God Amen: this thre and twentie day of Marche in the second and third yere of the Reigne of Philippe and Marie, &c. Witnessithe that I Thomas Garlicke, of Wodhowse within the pishinge of Normanton, husbandman, of good memorie and hooll mynde, maikethe this my last will and testamente in maner and forme hereafter followinge. Firste I bequeathe my soull to almightie god the father and maiker of heaven and earthe and of all thinge that is in heaven and earthe, and the onelic Savio<sup>r</sup> of all mankynde, and to o<sup>r</sup> blessed Ladie sancte Marie the mother of oure Savio<sup>r</sup> Jesu Christe, the quene of heaven, And finallie to all the blessed company of heaven bothe Angelle and Archangell(e, Apostell(e, Evangelist(e, patriarches, prophet(e, confessors, m<sup>t</sup>ers and virgyns, And my bodie to be buried within the churche porche of Alhallowes in the pishinge of Normanton. Firste I gyve to the said pishe of Normanton to be praid for xij<sup>d</sup>. I gyve to my sister Emote xij<sup>d</sup>. Item I gyve to Jenet Lounde an ewe and a lambe. Item I gyve to Richard Wodd children eu'ye one of theme xij<sup>d</sup> to pray for me. I gyve to John Garlicke dowghter xij<sup>d</sup>. I gyve to my god children eu'ye one of theme iij<sup>d</sup>. I gyve to the mendinge of the heighe way in Wodehowse Lone to be prayed for xij<sup>d</sup>. The Reste of goodes, my dettes paid, my bequestes and legacies fulfilled and funerall expenses maid aboute me to bring me honestlie furthe, I gyve to Elsabethe my wif, Nicholas Garlicke, Thomas Garlicke, Agnes



Garlicke, and Dorothe Garlicke, my children, whome I make my lawfull executors joynettie all togeyther, and my wif to haue her thyrde accordinge to the custome of the countie. And the Reste of my goodes to be delte emonge my children. And finallie I will that my wif haue the occupacion of my Fermehold after my decesse and to vse yt as she shall thinke beste, and my wif and my children joynettie alltogether to fulfill this my will and testamente as my faithfull truste is in theme all. Thes bearynge witnes of the same, Richard Wod, John Barowghe, and John Towneend and Richard Johnson, the curate off the said churche of Normananton, with others.—[*Proved 22 June, 1556.*]

AGNES WAIDE, OF WAKEFIELD, WIDOW.

(xv. j. 23 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xv<sup>th</sup> day of October in the yere of oure Lorde god m<sup>l</sup>cccc<sup>th</sup>ly<sup>th</sup>. I Agnes Waide, of Wakefeld, wyddowe, late wif of Costyn Waide, of Whitkirk, in the countie of Yorke, deceased, beinge of good and pficte memorie, lawde and prayse be vnto Almightye god, maikē this my last will and testamente in maner and forme followinge, that is to say. Firste and princippalie I comende my soull to almightye god my maker and Redemer, and to o<sup>r</sup> blessed ladie sancte Marie and to all the holie company of heaven. Also I cōmytte my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche yerde of Alhallowes in Wakefeld afforesaid. Also I will and my full mynde ys that myne executor hereafter vnder namede and wrytten shall cause me to be well and honestlie browght furthe and buried and after a decent maner accordinge as my trust ys he will. Also I gyve and bequeathe vnto my sonne Henry Waide the so<sup>m</sup>e of thre poundes. Also I gyve and bequeathe vnto my half suster Alice Casson in full recompence of all her costes and chardges and expenses whiche she haythe bestowed vpon me heretofore when I was with her husband and her in there howse And for the paynes she hadd with me the same tyme, Fourttie shillinge of lawfull money of England. The Rest of all my goodes moveable and vnmmoveable and also all my cattale, dett, dewties, some and somes of money and other thinges whatsoeu<sup>r</sup> thei be and where and in whose handes soeu<sup>r</sup> thei be, I gyve and bequeathe vnto my nephewe Nicholas Bramley, whome I maikē, ordayne, and constitute my hool and full executor of this my presente last will and testamente. Thes beinge witnesses of the same, John Burrowe, John Hargrave, Thomas Musgrave, Alexander Dicson, John Stones, with others.—[*Proved 22 April, 1556.*]

ELLEN DAWSON, OF ECCUP.

(xv. j. 28 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xvj day of Januarie in the yeaere of oure lorde god a thowsande fyve hunderithe fyftie and fyve. I Elyne Dawsons, of Ecope within the pishe of Addle, wyddowe, hooll of mynde and pfytt of memorie, maikethe this my testament and last will in maner followinge. First I giue my soull to God Allmightye, and my bodie to be buried within the churche yeaerde of sanct John Baptist at Addill. Also I bequeathe to eu<sup>y</sup> one of William Wyke children one lambe. Also I giue to the churche of Addill on Alter clothe price xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue to

Jane my doughter my best gowne and my best kyrtle and a chist. Also I giue to Mawde Dawsone one gowne. Also I giue to Richarde Dawson my sone one Almerie. Also I giue to Byrkynshaye wyff my workdaye coytt. Also I giue to Isabell Byrkynshay my best petticott. Also I giue to Threshe wyf my olde petycott, a pare of sleves and a smocke. Also I assyne my farmhold to Richard Dawsone and William Dawson my sonnes to occupie it together or severallie as it shalbe thought best for them. Also I will that Richarde and Wiłm Dawson my sonnes shall gyve to my doughter Jane at the daye of her marriedge eyther of them xx<sup>s</sup> in full recompence of all her hooll interest and tytill in that farmhold. The Residewe of all my good afore not bequeathed, my fun'all expenses maid and my dette paid, I giue to Richarde Dawson and William Dawson my sonnes and Jane my doughter to be devided emonge them by even porçons. Also I ordayn and maike Richarde Dawson and Wiłm Dawson my sonnes and Jane my doughter my full and lawfull executors of this my last will to se it trewlie executed and fulfilled. Recordę of my will, William Wyke, Leonarde Carlell, Wiłm Jackson, with other mo as Cuthbert With'm, clerke, person of Addill.—[*Proved 26 April, 1556, by Richard and William. Grant reserved to Jane, a minor.*]

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JOHN STUDDERD, OF BIGGIN.

(xv. j. 32 b.)

In Dei nōie Amen: in the yere of oure lorde god a thowsand fyve hundrith fiftie and sex. I John Studder, of Bigginge within the parishe of Fenton, seike in bodie and hooll in mynde, makith and ordenith this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soull to Allmightie god and to oure ladie sancte Marie and to all the holl celestially and blessed companye of heaven, and I will that my bodie be buried in Fentone churche yearde. Also I giue unto Jennet Andrewe one yowe and one lambe, and to Anne Andrewe one hogg lambe, And to William Andrewe one hogge lambe, to John Tasker my god sone one hogge lambe. Also I giue to John Poulle one hogge lambe. Also I giue to John Studderde and William Studderde and to eyther of them a lambe at mydsomer next. Also I giue to Thomas Studderde my sone my house with a Kylne beylded of Biginge more syde within the perishe of Fentone with toft and croft with appurteñnce therto belonginge and fower acres of lande lyinge of the South east of the said toft and croft w<sup>th</sup> appurteñnce therto belonginge. I the said John Studderde doith giue the said house, kylne, toft and croft, fowre acres of lande with appurteñnce to my son Thomas Studderde, his heirs, executors, or assignes for ever more. Also I giue to Roberte Studderde my sone one baye maire beinge with foyle, one cowe colore blacke called Sylke, and one qwyne colore blacke with browne eares, and one spanyng calf colore blacke with a whitt head. Also I giue to John Studderde my yongest sone towne acres of lande lyinge in the townshippe of Bigginge within the lordeshippe of Fentone in a place called Hollicke to hym and to his heires of his bodie lawfullie begotten for ever, And for lacke of heires of his bodie lawfullie begotten then I giue it to Roberte Studderde and his heires of his bodie lawfullie begotten for ever, And for lacke of heires of his bodie lawfullie begotten then I giue yt to Thomas Studderde and his heires for ever.

Also I giue to John Studderde my sone one Cowe. Also I giue to Anne my doughter one Cowe called Flourtell, one Sowkyne calf, one cobborde, one great Brasse pott, one litle pott, one kettle, one pare of sheitte, too cou'lette of the best, a mattres of the best, one charger of pewther, one dubler of pewther, one chist with a locke and one wooll whele. Also I giue to Anne Studderde my doughter ij yowes and ij lambes. And to Thomas my sone a cou'lett lome with Implemente. The Residue of all my goodde, my dette paid, legacies performed, my fun'alles discharged and I honestlie brought furthe, I giue frelie vnto Thomas Studderde, Roberte Studderde, John Studderde, and Anne Studderde, my children, whome I maike my full executors of this my last will and testament. Roberte Herrisone, Xpofer Herrisone, Thomas Studderde, and Fraunce Toode, wytnesses hereof.—[*Proved 8 May, 1556. by Thomas. Grant reserved to Robert, John, and Anne, minors.*]

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THOMAS RILEY, OF HELTHWAITE.

(xv. j. 35 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxvj<sup>th</sup> day of May in the yere of our lord God m<sup>l</sup>ccccliij. I Thomas Riley, of Helthawayte within the parish of Harwood, of good & p'fecte remembrance, makithe and ordyneth this my last will and testament in this maner and forme followinge. First I bequeath my soull to god almightie, and my bodie to be buried within the parishe church yeerde of Alhallos at Harwood. Also all my gooddes moveable and vnmoueable, my dettes dispatched and paid and my funerall charges accomplished, I giue and bequeath vnto Cicile Ryley my wif whom I ordayn and make my sole executrix. Thes being wytnesses, Edmund Mawde, John Fuller, with other moo.—[*Proved 31 July, 1556.*]

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ELIZABETH LAKE, OF METHLEY, WIDOW.

(xv. j. 36 b.)

In the name of god Amen: the xvj day of Januarie in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lorde god m<sup>l</sup>cccc<sup>th</sup>lv. I Elisabethe Laeke, of Meathlay, wedowe, of good wit and memorie, thanke be to god, maikē this my will and testamente of this maner and forme folowinge: the firste I bequeathe and comende my soull to god almightie my creator and Redemer, and I besēche him for his tender passione and his infinite m'cie that he will receyve my soull vnto his holie hande, and yt may accompanye withe his blessed mother o<sup>r</sup> ladie sancte Marie the virgyne, And w<sup>th</sup> all the holie sancte in heaven there to se his glorious face and there to haue the fruition of his godhead. Item I bequeathe my bodie to be buried within the sanctuarie of the pishe church of the said Meathley, there to Ryse in a stedfast hoope of a blissed resurrection emonge his just and electe p'sons in the last day of Judgemente. Item I bequeath to the nedes of the church iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Item I bequeathe to Isabell Webster one mattres, one cou'lett, one pare of blankette, and one pare of sheitte. Itm. to Richard Lake my sonne eldest sonne one cupbord, one chymnethe, a pare of briggē, and all other thinge thereto belonginge and one siluer sponē. And vnto his brother Robert a wayne and plowghe and all thinge that to theme pteyneth whiche myne ys. The Residewe of all my gooddes not gyven nor

bequeste I gyve vnto the said Richard Lake and to Robert, Thomas, and Agnes, his bretheren and suster. Also I desier and will that my cosyn S<sup>r</sup> Richard Shanne and S<sup>r</sup> Laurence Ootte shalhave the tuytion and gou<sup>n</sup>nce of the said Richard and Robert and also to mynyster there ptes and porçons of the said goodes as they shall thinke the best to the vse and proffet of the said Richard and Robert, and to deliu<sup>r</sup> or cause to be deliu<sup>r</sup>ed the same or the price therof vnto the said Richard and Roberte when they shall be or come to the aige and yeres of discretion, And if it shall happen, as god forbid, the said Sir Richard or Sir Lawrence to dye before the tyme that the said Richard and Robert shall come to aige of discretion then I will that the said Sir Richard and S<sup>r</sup> Laurence shall comitte and ordenne some other frend<sup>e</sup> in there steid for the intente before-said. Item I will that Agnes my doughter, mother of the same children, shall haue the gou<sup>n</sup>ance of the ptes and porçon of the said good<sup>e</sup> pteynge to the said Thomas and Agnes accordinge to the intente aforesaid. Moreover I will that if it shall happen any of the said children to die before thei shall come to yeres of discretion that the said porçons of goodes shall remayne vnto the survivors or survivor ovelivers or ou<sup>r</sup>liuer of theme. Witnes hereof is Robert Nalson, Thomas Shanne, and Thomas Lake.—  
*[Proved 22 April, 1556, by Richard Shanne, Rector of High Holland, Lawrence Ootte, priest, and Thomas Burton, layman, guardians of Rich., Robt. Thos., and Agnes Lake, minors.]* \_\_\_\_\_

## HENRY FUNTANCE, OF GARFORTH.

(xv. j. 38 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxix<sup>th</sup> day of Auguste in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord god m<sup>c</sup>cccc<sup>th</sup>lv. I Henry Funtance, of the pishe of Garfourthe, of good and p<sup>r</sup>ite reme<sup>r</sup>braunce, maikithe this my testamente and last will in maner and forme folowinge. Firste I gyve and frelie betaike my saull to God Almightye, the blissed virgyne oure ladie sancte Marye, And to all the blessed company of heaven, and my bodie to be buried in the churche yerde of Garforthe. Also I bequeathe to Jenet my wif one gared cove. Itm. I bequeathe to Jenet Vevers my god doughter a lambe. Also I bequeathe to the pson to pray for me xij<sup>d</sup>. The Residue of all my goodes, my dette and fun<sup>r</sup>alle paid and discharged, I gyve to Jenet my wif, Robert my son, Jenet my doughter, and Isabell Funtance, whome I maik<sup>e</sup> my executors to do for me as I haue put theme in thuse. Thes beinge witnesses, John Dawson, curate, William Rawson, and John Dawson, withe other moo, the day and yere above said.—  
*[Proved 29 May, 1556.]* \_\_\_\_\_

## THOMAS THORNTON, OF KIRKSTALL.

(xv. j. 40 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: I Thomas Thorneton, of Christall, the xx<sup>tie</sup> day of Maie, the yere of oure lorde God m<sup>c</sup>cccc<sup>th</sup>lvj<sup>th</sup>, maikethe this my last will and testamente in maner and forme followinge. Firste I bequeathe my soull to Almightye God, to oure ladie sancte Marie, And to all the holie company of heaven, and my bodie to be buried in the churche yeard of sancte Peter at Ledes. In p<sup>r</sup>imis I gyve to Jane Wymmersley a yewe and a lambe. Item I will that my goodes be devidede into thre partes, one

parte to my wif, one parte to my children, and the thred parte to my self, and I to be brought furthe, my dette paide, and my fun'all expenses discharged. And the Residewe that leavithe I gyve to my wiff and to my yongest childe. Item I gyve to the ornamente of the blessed sacramente xij<sup>d</sup>. Item I gyve to my wif my farmehold at Bramley so moche as I haue in custodie at this day. Also I maike my wif Jennet and my yongest childe William my executors of this my last will and testamente. In witnes hereof, Thomas Rauson, William Musgrave, Thomas Green, Laurence Rauson, John Thorneton.—[*Proved 3 June. 1556, by the widowe. Grant reserved to William the son, a minor.*]

ROBERT HERDY, OF METHLEY, YEOMAN.

(xv. j. 42 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xvj<sup>th</sup> day of September in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> Lorde god m<sup>l</sup>cccc<sup>th</sup>lv<sup>th</sup>. I Robert Herdey, of Medley in the Countie of Yorke, yoman, beyng of good and p<sup>r</sup>ite memorie, laude and prayse be vnto Almighty god, therefore maike and ordenne this my present laste will and testamente in maner and forme folowinge, that ys to say. Firste and principallie I comende, gyve, and bequeathe my soull vnto Almighty god my maiker and redemer, to oure blissede lady saynete Marie, and to all the holie company of heaven, and my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche or churche yerde of Medley afforesaid. Also I gyve and bequeathe vnto Luce nowe my wif ten shepe. Also I gyve and bequeathe vnto Roberte, Edwarde, and Alicie, my children, to eu'y one of theme, tenne shepe. Also I gyve and bequeathe vnto John Hirste my s<sup>u</sup>nte one whie stirke and too shepe. Also I gyve and bequeathe vnto the reparynge and amendinge of Medley brydge vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I gyve and bequeathe vnto Xpofer Herde my brother foure markes in money. Also I will and my full mynde and entente is that the reste of all my goodes, corne, and cattall<sup>e</sup> be equallie devided into thre ptes and porçons, wherof I gyve and bequeathe one pte thereof vnto Luce my wif for and in the nayme of her thirde parte and porçon. Also I gyve and bequeathe one other pte thereof to the afforesaide Edwarde, Roberte, and Alice, my children. Also I will that the thyrde pte thereof be bestowede and employede towarde my fun'all expenses and the payinge of my dette, And the reste and residewe thereof I gyve and bequeathe vnto the forsaid Luce my wif. Also I constitute, orden, and maike the said Luce my wif my hool and full executrix of this my presente last will and testamente vnto whome I putt and assigne the order and gouvernement and rule of my said three children withe there legacies and porçons here in this presente testamente mençonede duryng there none ages and infaney if she kepe her wedowe so longe, yf not I will that my saide three children withe there legacies and porçons as ys afforesaid be at the appoynemente of the supervisors of this my presente testamente hereafter naymede, to be orderrede accordinge to ther descreçons, And if yt shall fortune anye of my saide children to deceasse before they accomlishe there said aiges and before that tyme be not maried that then I gyve and bequeathe her pte or his pte of them so deceassinge to the other of theyme they survyvinge. And if it shall fortune all my said children to deceasse (as god defende) before they come and accomlishe there said Aiges and before that tyme be not maried,

then I bequeath the one half of all there ptes and legacies afforesaid to the said Luce my wif and the other half to be devidede emonge the nexte of the kynne of my said children at the discreçone of my said supvisorç. And I ordeyne, constitute, and maike John Herde and Chrofer Herde my brethern, Thomas Hymsworthe of the gaynrie, Roberte Hymsworthe his sonne, and John Burrowe of Wakefeld, the Supvisors of this my said presente testamente, whome I desier to se the same trewlie executed, pformed, and fulfilledde as my truste ys in theme fynyshede and endede in maner and forme the thyrde day of Marche nexte after the daite above wrytten. Thes witnesses, Thomas Hymsworthe, Xpofer Herde, William Adamson, John Burrow, Thomas Laburn.—[*Proved 5 June, 1556.*]

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WILLIAM BARKER, OF NEWTON KYME.

(xv. j. 43 a.)

In the name of God Amen: I William Barker, of the pishe of Newton Kyme, of pñte mynde and good remembrance, sixth day of Maie in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> Lorde god m<sup>l</sup>ceccc<sup>th</sup> fiftie and sex, maike my testamente and last will in maner and forme followinge. First I bequeath my soull to Almighty god my maker and to his onelie sonne Jesu Christ my Redemer and Savio<sup>r</sup>, in whome I put my booll hope and trust of saluaçone through the merities of his blessed passion, to his blessed mother and virgyne sancte Marie, and to all the holie company of heaven, to pray for me, havinge great nedē thereof, and my bodie to be buried in the churche yerde of the forsaid pishe. Also I bequeathe to the churche xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeathe the hole intreste of my farmeholde to Jenet my wif for terme of her lif, And afterwarde to George my sonne. Also I bequeathe to Thomas my sonne vli. Also I bequeathe to Jenett my doughter xx<sup>s</sup>, to John my sonne xx<sup>s</sup>, so that he troble not my wif nor any of my childrene. If he doo I will then that he haue not a penny. Also I bequeathe to Roberte my sonne xx<sup>s</sup>. Also I bequeathe to Anne my doughter x<sup>s</sup>, to Elisabethe my doughter x<sup>s</sup>, to George my son a wayne with the heade oxen after my wifē tyme. Item I bequeathe to eu'ye god childe I haue of myne owne children one ewe and a lambe. And to eu'y other god childe iiij<sup>d</sup>, and to Xpofer Barker an ewe. Also I bequeathe all myne other goodes, bothe moveable and vnmmoveable, to Jenet my wif whome I maike full excecatrix of this my last will. Witnes hereof, Richard Shiplay, Xpofer Cawod, and George Wyley.—[*Proved 9 June, 1556.*]

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WILLIAM HARDWICK, OF OTLEY.

(xv. j. 46 a.)

In the name of God Amen: I William Hardwicke, of Ottley in the Countie of Yorke, Joner, makithe this my last will and testamente in maner and forme folowinge the fift day of Maie Anno d'ni milimo quingen<sup>mo</sup> lvi<sup>to</sup>. First I bequeath my soull to the mercie of my Redemer Jesus Christe, And my bodie to be buried in the churche molde of Ottley. Also I bequeath to my brother Brian all my best apparell and raymente, that ys to say, my best shertte, my best dublett, my best hoose, my best shoos, my best jackit, my best jyrken, my best cloke, my best hatt, and my best swerde. Also I bequeathe to Margaret Hardwicke so moche tymber as shall maike her one cobborde. Also I bequeathe to eu'ye one

of my brother Siluester children iiij<sup>d</sup>, And to John his son my gray jackett. Also I bequeathe to my wif my best syluer spoynе and to my brother Brian an other, And to Richard Brathwaite wif of Askwithe my third spoynе. Also I gyve vnto my father in lawe Anstey Threplande iiij<sup>s</sup> and vnto Brian my brother iiij<sup>s</sup>, whome I maikе Supvisors of this my last will and testamente, and Jayne my wif my sole executrix of this my last will and testament, and vnto her also I gyve all my goodes and dettes vnbequested (as for dette I owe none bot one stroke of Rye to Richarde Hogge), she to bringe my bodie furthe honestlie and accordinge to neyburhead. Thes beyngе witnes, Richard Dunwell and Myles Flessher, with other moo, the day and yere above rehersed.—[*Proved 2 July, 1556.*]

THOMAS RIDIALL, OF SPITTLE HARWICK, YEOMAN.

(xv. j. 46 b.)

In the name of God Amen: I Thomas Ridyall, of Spittle Harwicke of the pishe of Pontefract within the Countie of Yorke, yoman, hooll of mynd and pfite remembrance, the tente day of Februarie in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lorde God m<sup>l</sup>cccc<sup>th</sup>lv, dothe maikе this my last will and testamente in this maner and forme folowingе. First I bequeathe my soull to almightie god my Redemer and maiker, and my bodie to be buried in my pishe churchе of Pontefract. Also I bequeathe to Elsabeth Darley xv<sup>s</sup> and to her children, that ys to say, Isabell, Richard, and Jenet, to eu'y one of theme ten shillinges and a shepe, and to Elsabethe Darley her doughter vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup> to be paid by the handes of John Ridiall the day of her marriage or when she ys able to occupie yt herself, withe a chiste and a gyrdle. Also I bequeathe to my brother Robert Ridiall my brother [*sic*] xvjs viij<sup>d</sup>, and to his thre children xij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> a peice. Also I bequethe to Robert Turner xxx<sup>s</sup>, and to Margarete his wif xv<sup>s</sup>, and to his fyve children that ys at home to eu'ye one of theme a yewe and a lambe. Item I bequeathe to John Ridiall wif xv<sup>s</sup>, and to Elsabethe Savage her dowgh-ter xv<sup>s</sup>, and to eu'ye one of there children a yewe and a lambe, and to Thomas Ridiall a syluer spone, to Agnes a spone, and to Barbaray a siluer spone and a chymney. Also I bequeathe to Elsabethe Shillito xv<sup>s</sup>, a counter, and a panne, and to eu'ye one of her childeren a sheipe, and to Robert Shillito a siluer spoynе and v<sup>li</sup> to be gyven emongest theme which ys in the handes of John Flemynge of Sharleston. Also I bequeathe to Jenet Fuyster a sheipe. Also I bequeathe to Katheryne Wilkinson xv<sup>s</sup>, and to eu'y one of her children a sheipe, and to Thomas her sonne a syluer spoynе. Also I bequeath to Buckle wif xij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>, and to either of her childer a sheippe. Also I bequeathe to Robert Adam vjs viij<sup>d</sup>, and to Isabell his wif vjs viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeathe to Allane Androo wif xv<sup>s</sup> and a siluer spone. Item to eu'y one of my god childer viij<sup>d</sup> a peice. Item to eu'ye one of John Ridiall s<sup>'</sup>untе vj<sup>d</sup> a peice. Also I bequeathe to S<sup>r</sup> William Chamber ijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeathe to Agnes Horner xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeathe to Robert Farnell ijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. Item to Lawrence Wile ijs, and to Agnes Fischer xij<sup>d</sup>. Item to John Androo ijs iiij<sup>d</sup>, and to Agnes Clowghe ijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. The Residewe of all other my goodes nott bequeste nor gyven, all fun'all expenses discharged, I will thei be at the order of John Ridiall and Sir Richard Ridiall his brother, whome I maikе myne hoill and full executors to haue to there owne vse. Provided alwayes that John Darley

shall not meddle with suche money as ys bequeathed his children bot thei to receyve yt themselfe at the executors handes at suche tyme and tymes as the frende of the saide children shall thinke it convenient whe' thei ar able to occupie it to theire most proffet and advantage. In witnes whereof John Barcar, vicar, S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Mettringh'm, Robert Farnell, S<sup>r</sup> Anthony Flemynge, S<sup>r</sup> Alexander Carver, w<sup>th</sup> other moo.—[*Proved 28 July, 1556, by John Ridiall, Sir Richard Ridiall renouncing.*]

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JOHN CUTLER, OF THORNER, LABOURER.

(xv. j. 48 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the last daye of December in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lorde God m<sup>l</sup>ccceclv. I John Cutler, dwellinge in Thornar within the countie of Yorke, laborer, seike in bodye and wholl in soull, of good and quicke remembrance, make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. First I bequest my soull to Almyghtie god and to his blessed mother our ladye saint Marie and to all the faire companye of heven, and my bodie to be buried within sancte Peter churche yerd of Thornar. Also I bequest to the 'Churche of Thorman [*sic*] xij<sup>s</sup>. Item I bequest to Peter Beregs one shepe. Also I bequest to Wiłm Beregs one shepe. Also I make Jenet Reame my full executrix to haue all my gooddes vnbequest, moveable and vnmoueable, to pay my dettes and to brynge me honestlie forth at the day of my buriall and to pay my funerall expenses. Thes be the witnesses, Wiłm Leves, Henry Writhe, Richarde Hube, with other mo.—[*Proved 17 June, 1556.*]

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WILLIAM WALKER, OF ADEL.

(xv. j. 48 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the thirde daye of Nouember in the yeare of our lorde god m<sup>l</sup>dlv. I Wiłm Walker, of Athill, hoole of mynde and perfyte of memorie, makithe this my testament and last will in maner followinge. First I bequeath my soull to God almightie, and my bodie to be buried within the churche yerde of sancte John Baptist at Addill. Also I bequeathe to Richerd Walker, Thomas Walker, Wiłm Walker, Henrie Walker, iiij of my sonnes, all my working toles. The residew of all my gooddes not bequeathed, my funerall expens' made and my dette paide, I give to Isabell Walker my wif, to Richard W., Thomas W., Wiłm W., Henrye W., Elisabeth W., Isabell W., Alison W., Dorothe W., my wif and children, to be divided emonge them by even porçons, whom I make my full and lawfull executors of this my last will to se it trulye executed and fulfilled. Recordes of my will, Thomas Browne, Henrie Tomlynson, Richerde Wood, Thomas Tayt, withe other mo.—[*Proved 17 June, 1556, by Isabel the widow. Grant reserved to the eight children, minors.*]

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JAMES DENTON, OF WAKEFIELD.

(xv. j. 50 b.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xxvijti day of Maye in the yere of our lord God m<sup>l</sup>dlvj. I James Denton, of the pishe of Wakefelde, seike of bodie and hooll of mynde & good of remembrance, makith this my last will & testament in man' & forme following. First I giue & bequeath my soull to



almightie God my savyore & redemer, to o<sup>r</sup> blessed ladie sancte Marie Virgyn, to all the celestiall companie in heaven, & my body to be buried within the churche of Wakefelde aforsayd nye to my stall ende. It' I giue to Robert Denton son of Amere Denton my Brother one tenement w<sup>t</sup> appurtenance called Kirkhouse lyeing & beyng in Co<sup>m</sup>erworthe to him & to his heires for eu'. It' I giue to the said Roberte Denton one howse with app<sup>r</sup>teñnce in Wakefeld no[w] in the tenure & occupa<sup>c</sup>on of Roger Slater in Kirkgate to him & to his heirs for eu'. It' I giue to Margaret & Jane Denton either of them xx<sup>s</sup>. It' I giue to George Lee, Sybell, Anne, & to Elizabeth Lee, eu'y of them xx<sup>s</sup>. It' I giue to Amere Dyckonson, Richard and John Dyckonson, eu'y of them xx<sup>s</sup>. It' I giue to Richard Dawson viij children viij<sup>li</sup> equallie emong them. It' I giue to Wi<sup>l</sup>m Denton vij children vij<sup>li</sup> equally emong them. It' I giue to Elisabeth Denton vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. It' I giue to Jenett Robert vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. It' I giue to John Denton xx<sup>s</sup> & a payre of sher<sup>e</sup>. It' I giue to Wi<sup>l</sup>m Denton & Richard Denton either of them xx<sup>s</sup>. It' I giue to Robert Gamell xx<sup>s</sup>. It' I giue to the wif of Robert Hemysley of Pontfrett xx<sup>s</sup>. It' I giue to the amending of the ways about Wakefelde v<sup>s</sup>. The residew of all my good<sup>e</sup> vnbequest, my dette & legacies payd, I giue & bequeth them to Amere Denton my brother, whom I make & ordayne to be my full & onely executor, he to dispose for my soull as my trust is in him. Thes being witness', John Boothelder, Wi<sup>l</sup>m Denton, Miles Talyer & Edward Myd-dope, the whom also I make the supvisors of this my last will to se it is fulfilled & done. Witnes also of this my last will, S<sup>r</sup> James Brodbent & John Syddall. Item I giue to Jenett Doley vjs viij<sup>d</sup>.—[*Proved 19 June, 1556.*]

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RICHARD HOLLINGS, OF HORSFORTH.

(xv. j. 50 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the last day of Julye the yere of our lord god m<sup>l</sup>ccccclj. I Richard Hollynge, of Horseforth within the pishe of Gyseley, being of hooll mynde & p<sup>r</sup>fecte remembraunce, thank<sup>e</sup> be to God, do constitute, ordayne & declare this my last will in man' & forme followinge. First I bequeath my soull to the mercy of almighty God, & my bodie to [be] buried w<sup>i</sup>n the churche yerd of Gyseley aforesayd & my funerall charge to be done & my legacies to be payd by myne owne brother Wi<sup>l</sup>m Hollinge & my syster his wif & ther children, whom I do make myne executors ioinctlie & seu'allye. It' I will that my brother Wi<sup>l</sup>m Hollynge haue the leace of my fermholde imediatlie after my deathe to the vse of one of his sonnes whom I or he shall nomynate. Thes being witnes, M<sup>r</sup> John Grene, gentleman, s<sup>r</sup> Olyu' Ashe, curate, Peter Chouler, with other mo.—[*Proved 22 June, 1556, by William Hollings and his wife.*]

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THOMAS RIDING, OF WOODHALL.

(xv. j. 51 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xj<sup>th</sup> day of February in the yere of our lord God 1555. I Thomas Rydyng, of Woodhall w<sup>i</sup>n the pishe of Caluerley, seke of bodye & hooll & p<sup>r</sup>fecte of mynd & remembrance, thank<sup>e</sup> be to God, doth ordayne & make this my last will & testament in man' & forme folowing: first & principally I yeld & comend my soull vnto Al-

mightie God my creater & Jesu Christe my redemer & to o<sup>r</sup> blessed ladye sancte Marie & to all the holy & blessed co<sup>p</sup>any of heven, & my body to be buried w<sup>i</sup>n the pishe church yerd of Calu<sup>'</sup>ley before said. Also I giue vnto Isabell my wif my holl ten<sup>'</sup>nt during her naturall lif & after her death it to remayne vnto Thomas Rydyng my son during all suche termes & yeres as I haue in the same. Also I will that all my goodē shalbe dyuyded in thre seu<sup>'</sup>all p<sup>'</sup>tes, wherof I giue one part vnto Isabell my wif, the second p<sup>'</sup>te I giue vnto Thomas, James, Richard, Nicholas, Wi<sup>'</sup>hm & Alice Ryding, my children, the thirde part I will be res<sup>'</sup>ved to myself and to bring me forth. Also I giue & bequeath for tithes & obla<sup>'</sup>cons negligentye forgotten to the hye alter at Calu<sup>'</sup>ley xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I gyve vnto Xpofer Pollerd my son in law vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue and bequeath vnto Agnes Ambler my doughter vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue & bequeath vnto John Sclater my son in law iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue & bequeath vnto Wi<sup>'</sup>hm Ambler yonger xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue & bequeth vnto John Pollerd xij<sup>d</sup>. The residew & remanent of my sayd goodē not bequest nor gyuen I honestly brought furth, thes my legacē fulfilled & dette paid, I gyve holly vnto Isabell my wyfe, whom w<sup>t</sup> Thomas & James Rydyng my sonnes I make my lawfull executors. Thes being witness', Peter Kytson, Vicar of Calu<sup>'</sup>ley, Thomas Taylyor, and John Kytchyne.—[*Proved 26 June, 1556, by Isabel and Thomas. Grant reserved to James, a minor.*]

THOMAS YEDALL OTHERWISE CHASTERTON, OF KIRKSTALL.

(xv. j. 51 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the vij day of the moneth of August in the yere of our lord God 1555. I Thomas Yedall called otherwise Chasterton, of Kyrkestall w<sup>th</sup>in the pishe of Ledē, beinge of good memory, p<sup>'</sup>fecte & hool mynde, makith this my last will & testament in maner & forme followynge, neu<sup>'</sup> to be altered or changed hereafter. First I gyf & bequeath my soull to almighty God my creator & redemer & to our blessed ladye & to all the sanctē in heven, & my bodie to be buried in the pishe church yerd of sanct Peter at Ledē. Also I giue & bequeath all my goodē vnto Dowsabell my wif & to my thre sonnes, that is to say, Hughe, John & Thomas, in forme & effecte hereafter following, that is to saye, I do giue & bequeath vnto Dowsabell my wif the wholl third part of all my goodē, moueable & vnmoueable, to her awne proper vse & behof. The seconde part I giue to my thre sonnes, Hughe, Yedall, John Yedall, and Thomas Yedall. The third part of my goodē to be taken in the bringynge furthe of my bodye & to the payment of my dette, my funerall charge mayd & done, & my bodye brought forth of my p<sup>'</sup>te. The rest lefte I gyue to my wif & my thre sonnes. I giue to Hughe Yedall my sword & buckler & my best dager. It' I giue to the blessed sacrament for the anornamente xx<sup>d</sup>, and where as I haue lent to my brother Richard Yedall iij markē of money at seu<sup>'</sup>all tymes & aboue that som, I give hym it freelye condi<sup>'</sup>onallie that wher as I haue lent my brother Richard one bay geldyng, saddle & brydle, for a tyme & space at my pleasure & no other ways & now I gyue the sayd geldyng & all other gere to my wif & my thre sonnes frelye. And if the said Richard my brother will not delyu<sup>'</sup> the sayde money & gelding, to ther proper vse for ever. It' I gyve to Marie my syster xiijs in money wherof she hath had vij<sup>s</sup> syns she came to me for to pay for the

cariage of her rayment from London. Also I giue to Dowsabell my wif my takke to the fynding & keping of my children. It' I will that Dowsabell my wif haue all my children p'tes in her custodie & keping to they com to lawfull age by the law, & if Dowsabell my wif marie & take a husband that [then] I will that the said Dowsabell and he that marieth her shall fynd sufficient sureties before he or she mary to be boundon by obligaçon to M<sup>r</sup> Gilbert Leghe for my children parte & porçons to be delyu'ed vnto them or suche as they shall or will appoinete it to when they com to lawfull yeres & to be bounden to the supvisors of this my last will & testament, whom I make my supvisors my M<sup>r</sup> Gilbert Leighe, of Myddleton, Esquier, and if it fortune any of my sayd sonnes to dye before they come to lawfull yeres of aige in the law that then I will that the other at ar lyving shall have the deade p'te emongest them dyuyded, And if that two of my sonnes dye then I will at the third at is lyving shall have all the other p'tes, and if at all dye than I will at Dowsabell my wif shall haue all ther p'te to her awne proper vse and behofe, And I make my full & hooll executor my yongest son Thomas Yedall. Thes men being witness', M<sup>r</sup> Gilbert Leighe, esquier, Thomas Rawson, Roberte Judson, Lawrence Rawson, Wiłm Taylyer, Robert Schothrope, Henry Walker, Wiłm Archedallue, Thomas Thornton, John Bromhed, and before thes men I haue putte my hand & seal the day & yere aboue wrytten. Also I giue to M<sup>r</sup> Gilbert Leighe my crosbowe & racke & all at belonge to it for terme of his lif, & after his deathe to remayne to my yong m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Leighe.—[*Proved 1 July, 1556, on the certificate of Dom' Paul Mason and John Mathew, of Leeds, priests, by Dulsabell, the widow, and guardian of Thomas Yedall, the executor, a minor.*]

JOHN SMITH, OF SHERBURN, HUSBANDMAN.

(xv. j. 51 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xij day of May in the yere of our lord God 1556. I John Smythe, of Sherburne, husbandman, hooll of mynd & of p'fecte remembrance, make this my testament & laste will. First I giue & bequeath my soull to Almighty God & to o<sup>r</sup> lady sancte Marie & to all the holye company of heven, & my bodie to be buried in my pishe churche yerd of Sherburne. It' I giue to my curate for tythes forgotten xjs. It' I giue to the churche worke vjd. It' I giue to Elisabeth my wif on amblinge gray mare called throstell. It' I giue to France my doughter on sylu' spone. It' I giue to John Lofte my bukskyn dublett & to eu'y of his thre childer xij<sup>d</sup>. It' I giue to my doughter Anne Lofte one yowe and a lambe. It' I giue to John Hynd iij<sup>d</sup>. It' I giue to Robert Hutchinson iij<sup>d</sup>. It' I giue to Robert Smyth and to Nycholas Toode to either of them iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>, whom I make supvisors of this my testament & last will to se that it be p'formed. The residue of all my goode, my dette & legace payd & my body honestlie brought furthe, I giue to Elisabeth my wif & to Margaret & France my doughters, whom I make my executrices. Thes being present at the declaraçon of this my last will & testament & witness' of the same, Mathew Smythson, my curate, John Taylyer, chaplayne & Henrye Nelsthrope, with others.—[*Proved 1 July, 1556.*]

## RICHARD GIEGES, OF KNOTTINGLEY, HUSBANDMAN.

(xv. j. 56 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xvj day of Marche in the yere of our lord God 1555. I Richard Giege, of Knottyngeley, husbandman, in the pishing of Pontefrett, hooll of mynd & of pfecte memorye, makithe this my last will & testament in maner & forme following. First I bequeathe my soull to Almighty God my Redemer & maker & to the blessed virgin Mary & to all the holy company in heven, & my body to be buried in the churche yerd of Alhallowes in Pontefret. It' inprimis I bequeath for my mortuary according to the Institution of the law & to haue a diryge at the day of my buriall song w<sup>t</sup> all the p'iste that belongethe to the churche & ij pish clarke & eu'y prest to haue iiij<sup>d</sup> & clarkē ij<sup>d</sup>. It' I bequeath to the hye altare of Pont' ornourne it w<sup>t</sup> & my tithes & oblaçons forgotten vj<sup>d</sup>. It' I bequeath to eu'ye one of my gode children ij<sup>d</sup>. It' I bequeath to the poore people of Knottingley iij mette of barley to be diuided emonges them to pray for me. It' I bequeath to Thomas Hamshay wif xij<sup>d</sup> & to euery one of her children iij<sup>d</sup>. It' I bequeath to Hughe Atkinson & to Margaret my doughter for her childe porçon iij<sup>li</sup> xij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. It' I bequeath to Richard Giege my son to helpe him to his lernyng xx<sup>s</sup>. It' I bequeath to John Bakker one quye stirke of ij yeres old & vpward & the said John to haue his findyng at the house till he come to lawfull aige. It' I bequeath to Mathew Hemson my graye jacket & my lether doblēt. It' I bequeath to Agnes my doughter the best beast that falleth in my p'te & she to chuse horse or beast that falleth therin & one quarter of barlye fayre dight & durst. It' I bequeath to the said Agnes iij quarters of malte & to be deliuered imediatly after my death. It' I bequeath vnto Jenet Hawmond xij<sup>d</sup> & to euery one of her children iij<sup>d</sup>. It' I bequeath to Wiłm Hawmond iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup> & to be supvisor of my will & to haue costs borne for that at I haue given the said Wiłm w<sup>t</sup> my doughter Jenet of my goode I gaue to him for his childe porçon & that I will take of my charge ant that the said Wiłm Hawmond shall not medle w<sup>t</sup> no pte of my goode if he be aboutward to let or interrupte my will no otherwise but to medle as supvisor. It' I bequeath vnto Alice Bayker xij<sup>d</sup> & to eu'y one of her children iij<sup>d</sup>. It' I bequeathe to Wiłm Bayker iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup> & to be supviso<sup>r</sup> of my will & to haue his costē borne for that at I haue given the said Wiłm Baker w<sup>t</sup> my doughter Alice of my goode I gaue it him for his childe porçon & that I will of my charge & that the said Wiłm Baker shall not medle w<sup>t</sup> no pte of my goode if he be aboutward to let or interrupt my will no otherwise but to medle as a supviso<sup>r</sup>. It' I bequeath vnto Wiłm Giege my son one bounden wayne. It' I bequeath vnto Richard Giege my son ij quarters of malt. It' I bequeath to Agnes my wif ij of the best kyen that she will chuse that goith in Credyilling parke. Also I giue and assigne my fermhold in Knottingley to Agnes my wif, Wiłm Giege & Richard Giege my sonnes to occupie during all my yeres. It' I bequeath to Agnes my wif, Wiłm Giege & Richard Giege my sonnes, all mucke & maner [manure] that is at the house. It' I will that all my goode moueable & vnmoueable, to be set in thre p'tes & Agnes my wif to haue one p'te, Wiłm Giege, Richard Giege & Agnes Giege, my children, to haue a nother p'te, my dette paid & I to be broughte furthe honestly & my fun'all expens' made & my will fulfilled, I giue frely vnto Wiłm Giege & Richard Giege my

sonnes, whom I make my full executors both as one of this my last will & testament & to do in worke of m'ey for my soull as they thinke best. Thes witness', Thomas Haull, Wiłm Abbott.—[*Proved 17 July, 1556.*]

JOHN OLTREDE, OF BRAMHOPE, HUSBANDMAN.

(xv. j. 59 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xvj<sup>th</sup> day of Marche in the yere of our lord god m<sup>l</sup>ccccclv. I John Olrede, of Bramope in the pishe of Otley, husbandman, seike of bodye but hooll of mynde & good remembrance, do make my last will & testament in man' & forme following. First I bequeathe my saull to almighty god my maker & redemer & to our lady sancte Mary & to all the holy company of heven, & my body to be buried in the churche earthe at Otley & all other dewtyes to be done as the law requirethe. Also my mynde & will is that Grace my wif, Wiłm, Richard, & John my sonnes, & Johan my doughter shalbe my wholl executors & possesse, vse & enioye my goode, moueable & vnmoueable, my dette paid & my funerall expens' discharged according to the lawe. Witness' of this my last will, S<sup>r</sup> John Baynes, prest, Robert Oldred, John Cawdray, Thomas Sykes, with other mo.—[*Proved 2 July, 1556, by the widow. Grant reserved to the children, minors.*]

HENRY BROOM, OF WRENTHORPE, GENTN.

(xv. j. 59 a.)

In the name of God Amen: in the yere of our lord God m<sup>l</sup>d fiftie & sex, the xxvij day of M<sup>che</sup>, in the secu<sup>d</sup>e & thyrde yeres of the reignes of our sou'aigne lord & lady Philippe & Mary, by the grace of god King & quene of England, France, Naples, Jerusalem & Yreland, defenders of the faithe, Princes of Spaine & Cicile, Archeduke of Austre, Duke of Millaine, Burgon & Brabant, Countes of Haspurge, Flanders & Tyroll. I Henry Brome, of Wrenthorp in the county of Yorke, gent., being of hooll, good & pfecte mynde & remembrance, makith & declarith this my last will & testament in man' & forme following, that is to say. First I bequeath my soull vnto almighty god my saveyo<sup>r</sup> & redemer desiring him of his infinite m'eye & graciose goodness to accepte and take the same emongest the holy company ther to his m'ey & grace, & my body to be buried w<sup>in</sup> the pishe churche of Wakefeld nygh vnto my stall at the queare dore & w<sup>t</sup> such obsequies & ceremonyes as the churche dothe nowe vse w<sup>t</sup> a dirige & soull masse w<sup>in</sup> the said churche to be songe or said & as the law will suffer, ev'y prest hauyng therfore iiij<sup>d</sup> & eu'y clerke & scoler w<sup>t</sup> surples ij<sup>d</sup>, & that myne execut' se this done or otherwise as they shall thinke conuenient to be done for the helth & welthe of my saull & all christen saulls. And I giue & bequeath vnto the blessed sacrament of the high alter for my tithes forgotten if any suche be iijs. And further I will that myne execut' cause a trentall of mass' to be said w<sup>in</sup> the said churche by some honest preist or preiste hauyng for eu'y masse iiij<sup>d</sup> & jd beside to say *de profunde* w<sup>t</sup> this collet *Inclina d'ne*, &c., for my soull & all christen soules at the first lauatorye & at that tyme or whan masse is done to receyve v<sup>d</sup> & so lykewise for eu'y masse during the whole trentall. Also I will that myne exec' shall pay & bestow toward & vpon mending of the high ways about Wakefeld vjs viij<sup>d</sup>. Further I giue &

bequeathe to s<sup>r</sup> Ric' Wortley, clerke, my faithfull brother in law, & Elisabeth now my wif, the third p<sup>te</sup> of all myn owne lande & tēte w<sup>t</sup> ther app<sup>r</sup>teñnce to haue & to holde to them & ther assignes vntill suche tyme as they haue receyved & taken therof the sōm of lxiiij<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> of lawfull Englishe money whiche said som I will the said S<sup>r</sup> Ric' Wortley and Eliz' my wif & ther assignes shall giue & bestow emongest my children as hereafter shalbe declared, that is to say, to Beatrix Brome my doughter now lady Nevile a gelding or v markē in redy money to by her a gelding therw<sup>t</sup>, trusting that S<sup>r</sup> John Nevile knight, wilbe eu' freyndly to my said wif & children for his cōsell who I wolde if I durst be so bolde w<sup>t</sup> his assistance, &c. Also I giue & bequeath to Eliz' Brome my doughter now married to Edward Kellet vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs iij<sup>d</sup> & a cow for the rest of her childe p<sup>te</sup>. Also I giue & bequeathe to Ric' Brome my son x<sup>li</sup> & the lande late purchased by my late father S<sup>r</sup> John Brome if he be deide as appeareth by evidence therof. Also I giue & bequeath lykewise to Henry Brome x<sup>li</sup> & that land late purchased as afore is said by lyke evidence, if John Brome be deide. Also I giue & bequeath to Francys Brome if she be vnmarried at the day of my death xx<sup>li</sup>. Also I giue & bequeath to Brian Brome my yongest son x m<sup>ke</sup> & to be founden of my goode vnto he come to the aige of xxj yeres & then to haue his childes p<sup>te</sup> delyvered. And further I giue & bequeath to S<sup>r</sup> Edward my ghostly father ijs. Also to s<sup>r</sup> William Ball for his peynes taken w<sup>t</sup> me xx<sup>d</sup> at all tymes, furthermore I gif & bequeath to Eliz' my wif her lawfull ioynter & feoffement made by me heretofore. And the residew of all my goode & lande in Yorkeshire & Darbyshire I giue & bequeath to Stephen Brome now my eldest son who I make my full heire. And if the said Eliz' my wif dye before the abouesaid som of lxviij<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> be levied & receyved of the abouesaid third p<sup>te</sup> of my lande & tēte then I will & bequeathe the reu<sup>con</sup> of the abouesaid third p<sup>te</sup> assigned to my wif & s<sup>r</sup> Ric' Wortley p<sup>ste</sup> to haue & to holde to him & his assignes vntill suche tyme as the abouesaid som of lxiiij<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> be fully receyved of the said third p<sup>te</sup> of lande abouesaid. And further I will & bequeath that the abouesaid sōmes shalbe delyvered to my said children at the dayes of ther mariages or at ther aiges of xxj yeres if they do not mary before the said aige, prouyded always that if any of my abouesaid children do dye before ther mariage & before ther abouesaid aiges of xxj<sup>ti</sup> yeres then I will that the por<sup>con</sup> & parte of those children or that childe so dyeng shalbe equallye dyuyded the other of my aforesaid children being married or at the aforesaid aige. And further I will that if any of my said children do refuse to be ordred by my abouesaid wif & S<sup>r</sup> Ric' Wortley, clerke, or on of them then I will that suche childe so refusinge shall loose v<sup>li</sup> of his or her bequest & shall only haue by this my last will but v<sup>li</sup> for his or ther por<sup>con</sup> so refusing, & the residew to be bestowed emongest the other of my abouesaid children being ordred as is abouesaid by myne exec' or one of them. Item I give & bequeath to eu'y on of my s<sup>unte</sup> hauynge wages a quarter wages more than ther wages cometh to if they or so many of them as dothe s<sup>ue</sup> my wif a quarter of a yere after my death if she so lyke them, & all those that takethe no wages I giue & bequeathe to them if any suche be ijs. It' I giue & bequeath to my suster Agnes a cowe or a quye & a met of Rye. It' I giue & bequeath to Eliz' my suster all such dette as she dothe ow me at this

daye whiche is xxvj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, if it be vnpaid at the day of my buriall & if it be payd then I giue her a quye of iij yerres olde or suche lyke. Further I constitute, ordeyn & make the aforesaid Eliz<sup>'</sup> my wif & my brother pson Wortley myn execut', and do giue & bequeath to the said s<sup>r</sup> Richard Wortley, clerke, my brother in law, xl<sup>s</sup> for his payne to be taken ou' & beside his charges to be spent for or aboute this my will or any thing therynto perteynyng. And I do giue & bequeath to Elisabeth my wif, my dette, fun'alls & bequeste paid, all my goode & cattalls reall & p'sonall, for the vpholding & mayntenance of my said children being then vnmarried. In witnes whereof vnto this my will I haue written it w<sup>t</sup> myn awne hande the forsaid xvij day of M<sup>'</sup>che . . . Thes beyng witnes, Thom's Westing, John Oliuer, Edward Wood, preist, Wi<sup>l</sup>m Baull, preist, Wi<sup>l</sup>m Sproxton, preist.—[*Proved 28 July, 1556.*] \_\_\_\_\_

## RALPH FIELD, OF BEESTON.

(xv. j. 60 b.)

In the name of God Amen: I Raufe Feilde, of Beiston w<sup>i</sup>n the parishe of Leide and countye of Yorke, Corvessore, in hooll mynd and perfecte remembrance, the first day of February and the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lorde god 1556, makythe this my last will and testament in man' and forme followinge: first I bequeath my soull vnto almighty god my maker and redemer, to our lady sancte Marye, and to all the holy company of heven, and my bodie to be buried w<sup>i</sup>n my parishe churche yerde of sancte Peter at Leides. Secondly I will my gooddes be dyuyded in thre partes, the first is my owne, the seconde parte I giue and bequeathe to Margret my wif w<sup>t</sup> all that remayneth of my forsaid parte, my funeralls and all other my necessary expensis discharged. Also I will that out of the third parte being hooll and vndyuyded iij<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> to be taken and giuen to John Feilde my yongest son, and that done the rest to be equally devyded emongest my three children, that is to say, Rauf Feild, John Feilde, my sonnes, and Elisabeth Gaile my doughter. Also I giue to euery one of my god children viij<sup>d</sup>, to the blessed sacrament of thaltar at Leides viij<sup>d</sup>, and to the blessed sacrament of thaltar at Ballay viij<sup>d</sup>. Moreouer I giue Margaret my wif too kye pastorage in on crosse called coperclose lyeng and belonging to the townshipe of Holbecke as doth appeare in one payre of Indentures made betwixte Wi<sup>l</sup>m Shafton of Holbeck and me the said Rauf feilde of beiston. Furthermore I giue Rauf feilde my son on cove gate in the same crosse and that the forsaide Rauf Feilde shall fynd his naturall mother, Margret my wif, two kye in edisheing fogge and also to winter the same kye w<sup>t</sup> hay and straw so well as he dothe his owne his mother lif induring, and for that shall she pay no rent nor rente to him or any person or persons. Also if it fortune that god shall call Margret my wif to his great mercye before thend of the yeres that we haue in the same crosse, that then the said thre kye gates shalbe equally dyuyded betwixte Rauf Feilde my son and Elisabethe Gaile my doughter. Also I will vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> to be delte to poore people. Also I giue Margret my wif from the middle dore inward all the rōnthes called thopper parte of the house holly to herself. Also I giue her in euery feilde one half acre of lande of the best without any rent. Also I giue Thomas Feilde son of Rauf Feilde on brasse pot. Also to my son Rauf Feilde iij children euery of

them on ewe and on lambe. Also I giue to Elisabeth Gaile my doughter and Alyson Gaile her doughter either of them on ewe and on lambe. Finally I will and bequeath that if it fortune my son Rauf to dye before my wif his mother that then my wif shall haue, holde, occupie and enioye thalfe parte of the farmholde or any with her or for her. And thus Margaret my wif and Rauf my son my full executors of this my last will and testament. Thes beyng witnes, John Waterworthe, Wiſhm Gaylle, Edward Becroft, and John West, with other mo.—[*Proved 31 July, 1556.*]

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ROBERT ADMERGILL, OF BARDSEY.

(xv. j. 60 b.)

In the name of God: in the xxvj day of July in the yere of our lord god a thousand five hundred and sex and fiftye. I Robert Admargill, hooll of mynde and of good memory, makith my last will and testament in maner and forme following. First I bequeath my soull to Almighty god and to the celestiaall company in heven, and my body to be buried in the churche earthe of sancte Oswolde at Collingham. Item I bequeath to my son Oswolde Admargill viij oxen and two horse or mares with all my plowes, waynes, harrowes, and all other thinges belonging to my draught. It' I bequeath my takke and full interest of my farmeholde that I dwell vpon at Collingham to my said son Oswolde. It' I bequeathe all my interest and takke of my fermholde at Bardsaye hill called the intakke vnto Oswolde my son and Rauf Ward my son in lawe equallye betwixte them. It' I bequeath to the Vicar of Collingham ijs. It' I bequeath to my doughter Marye Crofte a gymmer hogge, and to euery one of her iiij childrene, Robert, Anne, Oswolde, and Jenet, a giſmer lambe. It' I bequeath to Wiſhm Crofte my son in lawe vjs viij<sup>d</sup>. It' I bequeath to my foure doughters, Elisabeth, Agnes, Isabell, and Jane the halfe of all my gooddes not bequest for ther childes porçons. The residewe of my gooddes I giue Oswolde my son, whom I make my executor. And I make Thomas Browne my brother in lawe my executor for to be his coadiutor to se that the fermholdes and gooddes bequest and giuen by me the forsaid Robert vnto Oswolde Admargill my son be clerely occupied and employd to the onely vse of the said Oswolde. And I bequeathe to the said Thomas Browne ijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. Furthermore I make Mr Browne and Auerey Rauson supervisors of this my last will, thes beyng witness', Christopher Chamber, of Compton, and Alexander Richardson, of Collingham.—[*Proved 14 August, 1556, by Thomas Browne, guardian of Oswald Admargill, sole executor, a minor.*]

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JOHN FAWKES, OF FARNLEY, GENTN.<sup>1</sup>

(xv. j. 63 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the fourte day of August in the yere of our lord god a thousand five hundrethe fifty and sex. I John Faukes, of Ferneley in the county of Yorke, gent', wholl of mynde and of good and perfecte remembrance, ordeyn and make this my last will and testament in maner and forme folowing. First I bequeathe my soull to almighty God my creator and to Jesus Christe my redemer, desiring our blessed ladye sancte

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(1) See pedigree in *Dugdale's Visitation*, ed. J. W. Clay, vol. ii, p. 204.



Mary and all the celestially companye in heven to praye for me that my soull may take place emongest the electe people of god, and my body to be buried in the churche or churche yerde of Otley. And I will that my mortuary be paid as the law will admit. Also I will that my goodes shalbe dyuyded in thre partes, that is to say, the first parte to my self, the second parte to my wif, and the third parte to my two doughters, that is to say, Jane and Elisabeth. Item I giue and bequeathe to the said Jane one hundred markes and to the said Elisabeth fourtye markes to be paid, levied, and receyved of my landes and tenementes in Fernley aforesade, that is to say, of one tenement in Ferneley aforesaid in the holdyng of John Garnyte of the yerely valew of xliiij<sup>s</sup>, one other tenement in Ferneley aforesaid in the holdyng of John Teale of the yerly valew of xxxix<sup>s</sup>, one other tenement in Ferneley aforesaid in the holdyng of Elisabeth Pawson, widow, of the yerely valew of xl<sup>s</sup>, wherof x<sup>s</sup> is yerly to be payd other ways, one other tenement in Ferneley aforesade in the holdyng of Thomas Cave of the yerely valew of xx<sup>s</sup>, and one other tenement in Ferneley aforesaid in the holding of Thomas Faukes of the yerely valew of xx<sup>s</sup>, to the full sōm of seven score markes be well and truly contented and paid to the said Jane and Elisabeth my doughters by the fermers, tenants, and occupiers of the fermes and tenementes in Ferneley aforesaid together withe ther childe porçons of my gooddes to them appertaynyng after my decesse, whiche sōm of ther severall porçons to the full valew shalbe always accepted and taken seu'ally as part and percell of the said sōm of vij score markes, and the landes and tenementes aforesaid to be discharged of so moche rent of the said sōm of vij score marks as ther seu'all porçons of my gooddes amountethe vnto. It' I giue and bequeath to M<sup>r</sup> Henry Arthington, Esquier, my bay stagge w<sup>t</sup> a long Rache. It' I giue and bequeath to my brother Marmaduke one other bay stagge of ij yeres old. It' I will that my said doughter Jane shall haue her owne sex kye well delyvered. And I will that my son Richard shall haue all my gere perteynyng to husbandry. It' I giue & bequeth vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> to the churche of Otley to be bestowed at the discretion of the churche wardens, and iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> to the quere to be bestowed where most need is. I giue and bequeath vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> to the poore people of Otley, iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> to the poore people in Ferneley, and other iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> to the poore people in Letheley, to be giuen and dyuyded w<sup>l</sup>in on fortynight after my deathe at the order of Thomas Dunwell and Thomas Cave. It' I giue and bequeath iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> to the high waye in Ferneley to be bestowed betwene the pynfelde grene and the west ende of the towne. It' I giue and bequeath to S<sup>r</sup> Chřophor Waid, preist, to pray for me ten poundes, that is to say, xx<sup>s</sup> to be paid yerely of the rentes, yssues, and profittes of one tenement in Ferneley aforesaid in the tenure and holding of Nicholas Pawson for the terme and space of ten yeres if the said S<sup>r</sup> Chřophor so long do lyve, and the same to be in discharge of all dettes whiche the said S<sup>r</sup> Chřophor shall or may hereafter demande of me or myne Executors. And also I will that my gooddes whiche shall not be delyvered before my deathe remaynyng of my parte shalbe to the vse of Anne Wharton my doughter vpon condiçōn that neither her husband nor she shall make any more title or clayme to any parte or porçōn of my gooddes, and the same to be in full contentaçōn of her childe porçōn.

And I desire of charity the said Mr Henry Arthington and my said brother Marmaduke to be supervisors of this my last will and testament, praying them to se the same fulfilled in all caises. And I make my said two daughters Jane and Elisabeth my full executrices of this my last will and testament. Thes be witnesses, S<sup>r</sup> Anthony Jackson, my curate, Christophor Swallow, Thomas Dunwell & Thomas Cave.—[*Proved 29 August, 1556, by Jane. Grant reserved to Elisabeth.*]

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ROBERT WRAY, OF CLIFFORD, HUSBANDMAN.

(xv. j. 65 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the fourth day of Septembre in the yere of our lorde god m<sup>l</sup>v<sup>c</sup>lvj. I Roberte Wray, of Cliffurthe in the county of Yorke, husbandman, of good and perfecte remembrance, do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme following. First I bequeath my soull to almighty god and to our blessed lady and to all the holy company of heven, and my body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the churche yerde of Alhallowes in Bramham. Item I giue and bequeath to my youngest son John all my interest of my fermholde whiche I haue by lease of s<sup>r</sup> Robert Stapleton, and my yron bound wayne and on yoke of my oxen of the best that he will chuse, and all my husbandry gere whiche I haue redy made, and two horses or ij mares ou' and besides his portion and barn parte. Item I giue and bequeath to my two sonnes Peter & Sandere to either of them xx<sup>s</sup> in full contentaçon and payment of ther portions and barne partes. The residew of all my goodes, moveable and vnmmoveable, vnbequest nor giuen, I giue them freely to my foure children, Stephen, John, Custance, and Katheryn, whom I make my holl and full executors and executrices of this my last will and testament, to pay my dettes and to bringe me furthe honestlye at the day of my buriall according to my liability. Witnesses herof, George Robynson, Robert Stoote, and John Richardson.—[*Proved 12 September, 1556.*]

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NICHOLAS HODGSON, OF GARFORTH.

(xv. j. 65 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xvj day of August in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord god m<sup>l</sup>v<sup>c</sup>lvj. I Nycholas Hodgeson, of Garforth, of good & p<sup>r</sup>fecte remembrance, makith this my testament & last will in maner & forme following, that is to say. First I giue & frely betake my saull to god almighty, the blessed virgin o<sup>r</sup> lady sancte Mary, & to all the celestiall company of heven, & my body to be buried in the parishe churche yerd of Garforthe. Also I bequeathe to the churche wardens on ew shepe. It' I bequeath to Ro<sup>b</sup>t Hodgson on ew sheipe & somthinge to make him a cote of, & to Elen Hodgson on ew lambe. It' I bequeth to Wi<sup>th</sup>m Hodgson my son my red Jaket. Also I will that Katheryn Haryson shall haue as moche new clothe as will make her a cote. Also I will that Anne my wif shall haue my cove & Elisabethe my doughter shall haue my quye. The residew of all my goodes, my dettes & fun<sup>r</sup>alls payd and discharged, I giue to Anne my wif & Elisabeth my doughter, whom I make my executrices to do for me as I haue put them in truste. Thes being witnesses, John Dawson, curate, Ro<sup>b</sup>t Rawson, Vmfray Dawson, John Holdell, Wi<sup>th</sup>m Westerman, w<sup>t</sup> other.—[*Proved 7 September, 1556.*]

## MARGARET MIDGLEY, OF MOORGRANGE, WIDOW.

(xv. j. 69 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xvij day of September in the yere of oure lord god m'ccccvj. I Margaret Migeley, of Moregrange in the parishe of Ledes within the county of Yorke, widowe, being of hooll mynd and god remembrance, makith this my last will and testament in maner and forme hereafter followyng. The first I giue my soull to Almightye god my maker and redemer, beseching oure blessed ladye sancte Marye and all the gloriose company of heven to pray for me that I trusting in the merits of Christes passion may be partaker of the celestially Joye of his Kingdom, and my body to be buried within the pishe churche of sancte Peter in ledes. And also I giue to my son Wiłm my best beades withe one ryng and ij of my best yron temes. Also I giue to Richard my son iij<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> and half a quarter of Rye. Also I giue to Alexander my son iij<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue to Anne my doughter iij markes of lawfull money and on girdle and on paire of awmer bedē and on gowne clothe. Also I giue to Jane my doughter iij<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> ouer and besides iij<sup>li</sup> being her childes portion left to her by her father, and also my best gowne and my best kirtle and my best girdle and on paire of siluer crokes. Also I giue to the wif of Richard Megeley my son my best scarlet hat. Also I giue to Wiłm Megeley my godson one wedder of the best. Also I giue to Margaret Megeley my god doughter one why of the best. Also I giue to the blessed sacrament iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Also I make my executors of this my last will and testament, Michaell Haull, Alexander Megeley my son, and Jane Megeley my doughter, to whom I giue, after my dettes paid and funerall expens's discharged, the residew of all my goodes, moveable and vnmoveable, vnbequest. Thes being witnes, Thomas Rauson, Robert Judson, Lawrence Rauson, Chřofer Megeley, preist, with other mo.—  
[Proved 2 Oct., 1556.]

## ANNE BARKESTON, OF BARKSTON, WIDOW.

(xv. j. 70 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxvij day of August in the yere of our lorde god a thousand five hundred fifty and sex. I Anne Barkeston, of Barkeston within the pishe of Shereborne, widowe, late wif vnto Edward Barkeston thelder latly decessed, holl of mynd and perfite of remembrance, stedfastlye beleving in the faithe and lawes of Christ, thanks be gyven vnto Almighty god, do ordayne, cōstitute, and make this my last will and testament in maner as hereafter doth appeare. First I giue and bequeathe my soull vnto almighty god, to his mother the blessed virgin oure lady sancte Marye, and to all the holy celestially company of heaven, and my body to be buried whithin the queare where my sayde husband dothe lye within the sayd parishe churche of Shereborne, and as nere him as can be possible. Also I giue and bequeathe to the blessed sacrament within the sayd church xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue and bequeath vnto syr John Taylyer xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue and bequeathe to Nicholas Barkeston two busshells of wheate. Also I giue and bequeath to Peter Barkeston, Jane Barkston, and Anne Barkeston, my son Edwardes children, euery on of them xij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue and bequeathe vnto the churches worke at Sherborne xij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue and bequeath vnto euery one of

my servantes iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue and bequeath vnto my suster Alice my mournyng gowne withe the hode or worsted kyrtle and kerchief. Also I giue and bequeathe to my suster Elizabethe Harcoytes my best gowne. Also I giue and bequeath vnto my cosyn Margerye Nevell on pisculate of vj<sup>s</sup> ij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue and bequeath to Jane and Anne Barkeston my son Edwardes doughters one gowne and one chamlet kyrtle. Also I giue and bequeath to Nicholas Barkeston wif my best silken hatt and my best white cappe. Also I giue and bequeathe to Edward Barkeston my son on payre of greate sheites. Also I giue and bequeath to Francis Barkeston my son one payre of greate sheites. And also the residew of all my goodes and chattells not bequested, my dettes and legacies paid and fun'alls discharged, I giue and bequeath vnto Frances Barkeston my son, whom I do ordeyne, cōstitute, and make my sole executor of this my last will and testament to distribute and dispose for my soulls helthe as he shall thinke most co'venyent and meyte. Also I do ordayn, constitute, and make my brother M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Hall the sup'viso<sup>r</sup> of this my last will and testament, to whom for his paynes taking in this behalf I giue and bequeath one Riall of gold. In witnes herof, sir Richard Hemsley, vicar there, s<sup>r</sup> Robert Blanche, curate, Thomas Morret, Thomas Longley, John Hillom, and Roberte Man, with others. Also I will that my said husband Edward Barkeston will shalbe p'formed before this my last will, and it so done than I will that this my last will be p'formed and my full strengthe of my executrixshippe of my sayd husband's will, I giue and bequeath to Frances my son accordinge to the meanyng of this my last will. Also I will that one preist shalbe foundon one half yere to pray for my soull and my husband soull and all christen soules, and he to haue for his salary v<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Witnesses herof, S<sup>r</sup> Richard Hemsley, S<sup>r</sup> Robert Blanche, Robert Mā, Thom's Longley, w<sup>t</sup> other.—[*Proved 10 Oct., 1556.*]

WILLIAM BARKER, OF SCARCROFT.

(xv. j. 71 a.)

In the name of God amen: the xij<sup>th</sup> daye of Septembre in the yere of our lord god m'ccccel and sex. I Wiłm Barker, of Scarcrof in the parishe of Thornar in the countie of Yorke, beyng hooll in mynde and of pfecte remembrance, do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme folowing. First I bequeath my soull to almighty god my creator and redemer, to o<sup>r</sup> blessed lady sancte Mary, & to all the holy company of sanctes in heven, & my body to be buried within the church of sancte peter of Thornor aforsayd. Also I giue & bequeath to the sayd church of sancte peter ij<sup>s</sup> yerely to be paid for eu' wherof xij<sup>d</sup> is for the discharging of the last will & testament of John Barker my father, decessed, and the whiche said xij<sup>d</sup> was giuen by my said late father to the fyndyng & kep-ynge of a lampe & oyle burnyng therin in the said church of sancte peter and the other xij<sup>d</sup> I will to be at the ordryng & disposing of the church wardens of the said church of sancte peter & ther successors yerely to & for the most advantage & comoditye of the said church of sancte Peter. And also I will that the said ij<sup>s</sup> shall yerely be paid as rent goyng out of a close called nonedoers lyeing in Thornor aforsaid at the feastes of sancte Martyn in Winter & pentecost by even porçons so long as the said church of Thornor shall contynew & remayne in the same estate as

it is at this instant tyme, if not, then I will & from thensforthe the said ij<sup>s</sup> shall remayne to my right heires for eu'. Also I giue & bequeath to bye ornamentes & necessities for the highe altare in the pishe church of sancte Peter aforsaid iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue & bequeath to bye ornamentes and necessities for the highe altare at Bardsay other iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue & bequeath to Andrew Barker my son to kepe him at schole withall on annuyty of iiij<sup>li</sup> of lawfull money of England to be paid yerly to the said Andrew & to his assignes from the feiste of sancte Martyn in winter whiche shalbe in the yere from the incarnaçon of o<sup>r</sup> lord J<sup>h</sup>s Christ m.ccccc.l & seven vnto th'end & terme of vij yeres then next & imediatly folowing as hereafter folowith, first I will & bequeath xl<sup>s</sup> p'cell of the said iiij<sup>li</sup> to be paid to the sayd Andrewe or to his assignes out of my farmhold at Rigton by thandes of John Barker my son or by his assignes at the feastes of sancte Martyn in winter & pentecost by even porçons. And if it shall fortune the sayd annuytie of xl<sup>s</sup> to be behind vnpaid in pte or in all by the space of xl dayes next after either of the said feastē at whiche it ought to be paid, that then I will it shalbe lawfull to the said Andrew & to his assignes to enter into ij closes at Rigton aforsaid, the one called Mylne hill & the other called mylnhil feilde, to haue & to hold the said ij closes to the said Andrew & to his assignes during so many yeres of the said vij yeres as shall then fortune to be behind & not spent. Also I will that the other xl<sup>s</sup> residew of the said iiij<sup>li</sup> be paid at the feastē aforesaid to the said Andrew & to his assignes yerly during the said vij yeres out of my landes, messuage & tentē situate, lyeing & being in Kirkby and Shadwell in the said pishe of Thornor. [Power of entry in case of non payment for 40 days.] Item I will & bequeath to Xpofer Barker my son all suche interest & terme of yeres as I haue of & in to on messuage & certen land of Wiłm Poule set lyeing & being in Skarcroft aforsaid, whiche said interest & terme of yeres of late I had & bought of John Afeild. Item I will & bequeath to the said Xpofer Barker my son all suche interest & terme of yeres as I haue of, in & to on water mylne sett in Skarcrofte aforsaid to the bringing vp & fynding of my thre doughters, Elisabeth Barker, Agnes Barker, & Francys Barker. Item I giue & bequeath to the said Xpofer Barker my son my viij oxen, my yron bound wayn, my bare wayn, my ploughes & all other necessities belonging to same as harrowes, yockes, teams & suche other husbandry gere, paing therfore to myn executors xj<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> of lawful money of England. It' I giue & bequeath to the said Xpofer my son on presse, on almyry & on gret chiste standing in the firehouse at Skarcroft aforesaid, paing y'for to myn execut' xxxv<sup>s</sup> of lawfull money of England. It' I giue & bequeth to Thom's Chamber the occupaçon of on close lyeing nigh the water mylne during my lease, paing therfore yerly to y<sup>e</sup> said Xpofer my son xiiij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> at ij vsuall termes in y<sup>e</sup> yere accustomed. It' I giue vnto the said Thom's one cow whiche he hath alredye by note. It' I give to my brother in law Wiłm Shan my blak Jacket. It' I give to Xpofer Barker son of Wiłm Barker my son on silu' maser. It' I give to Eliz' Barker doughter of John Barker my son iiij<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It' I giue to Wiłm Barker son of the said John Barker on cow w<sup>ch</sup> the said John hath now by note. I giue and bequ'ath to Katherin Barker & to Mary Barker doughters of the said John Barker either of

the' iij gym' lañes. It' I giue to my doughter Jenet Stevinson iij<sup>li</sup> vjs viij<sup>d</sup> in full cōtentaçon & payme't of childe porçon & barne p'te. It' I giue to my ij doughters Agnes & Francys either of the' on gold ring. It' I giue to my dought' Eliz' Barker on girdle of silu' & gold. It' I giue to WiHm Harrison on old riall of gold. It' I giue & bequeth to John Barker my son xx yowshepe in full conte'taçon & paime't of his childe p'te & porçon. It' I giue and bequeth to WiHm Barker my son vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs iij<sup>d</sup> in full contētaçon, satisfacçon & paime't of his porçon and childe p'te. It' I giue to my son P'civall Barker vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs iij<sup>d</sup> ou' & besides his porçon & childe p'te. It' I giue to John Fairchild on whye w't a calf. It' I giue to WiHm Wright on yow. It' I giue to Miles Watson ijs. It' I giue to John Long xij<sup>d</sup>. It' I giue to John Wilkinson on red cote. It' I giue to eu'y of my s'ntes, y't is to saye, John Jakson, John Beamont, John M'shall & Agnes Lawson, to eu'y of them xij<sup>d</sup>. It' I giue to eu'y on of my god children xij<sup>d</sup>. It' I will & bequeth to WiHm Barker my son the moietie of the manor of Skarcroft w't thapp'tin'ce during suche interest & terme of yeres as I haue of & in the said manor excepted the water mylne before willed & bequethed to the said Xpofer. It' I will & bequeth to the said Xpofer Barkar the other moiety of the said manor of Skarcroft w't thapp'tñnce during suche int'est & terme of yeres as I haue of, in & to y<sup>e</sup> said manor. It' I giue to John Barker my son my lease, int'est & terme of yeres w<sup>ch</sup> I haue of, in & to my fermhold at Rigton, paing yerely during vij yeres as is aboue written to the said Andrew & to his assigns xl<sup>s</sup> of lawfull money of England excepted before willed & beq'thed as is aforesaid. It' I giue & bequeth to the said Xpofer all my messuage, lande, ten'tes sett, lyeng & being in Thornor aforesaid to haue & to hold to the said Xpofer & to his heires males of his body lawfull begotten & for defalte of suche heire male of his body lawfully begotten I will the same messuage, lande & ten'te shall remayne to P'civall Barker & to his heires males. [In default to Andrew Barker my son & his heirs male. In default to William Barker my son & his heirs male. In default to John Barker my son & his heirs male. In default to the right heirs of him the said Wm. Barker for ever.] It' if WiHm Barker my son do not p'mit & suffer the said Xpofer my son quietly & peacefully to occupie & enioye the said water mylne & the said moietye of the said manor of Skarcroft according to this my last will [Power to enter the said lands in Kirkby & Shadwell to hold to him & his heirs male]. It' I will that WiHm Harrison shall haue the ordring & keping of my son Andrew Barker during the above specified vij yeres & I will that the said WiHm Harrison shall haue the abouesaid iij<sup>li</sup> yerely during the said vij yeres for the sustentaçon, finding and keping the said Andrewe at schole, if the said Andrewe fortune to dye before thende of the said vij yeres y't then and from thensforthe the said Annuytie of iij<sup>li</sup> shall cease and determine anye thing herin to the cōtrary notwithstanding. It' I will and bequeath all my goodde, moveable and i'movable, before not bequeathed nor given, I giue them frely to my sex children, that is to say, Xpofer Barker, P'civall Barker, Andrewe Barker, my sonnes, Elisabeth Barker, Agnes Barker, and Frauncys Barker, my doughters, whom I make my holl and full executors and executrixes of this my last will and testament, and they to pay my dettes and to bring me forthe honestly the day of my buriall as shalbe thought

seamyng by my freyndes, and according to my degre. Moreouer I giue and bequeath to Wi<sup>th</sup>m Levet and Wi<sup>th</sup>m Harrison and to either of them [*sic*], whom I make supvisors of this my last will and testament, desiring them to se all thinges executed herin according to the true meanyng & interest herof as my trust and confidence is in them to do. Witnesses herof, Wi<sup>th</sup>m Clughe, Thomas Allyn, Robert Clughe son of John Clughe, of Rigton, and Wi<sup>th</sup>m Harrison.—[*Proved 27 Oct., 1556, by Christopher and Percival. Grant reserved to the other four children co-executors, minors.*]

RICHARD VEVERS, OF PUDSEY.

(xv. j. 87 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxviii day of Marche in the yere of oure lord god m.ccccc.lv. I Ric' VEVERS, of Pudsaye w<sup>th</sup>in the pishe of Calu'lay in the coūtye of Yorke, seike of body & holl & p'fecte of mynde & remembrance (thanks be to god), doth ordeyn & make this my last will & testament in mañer & forme following. First & principaly I comēd my soull vnto almighty god my maker & to Jesu christ my redemer, to our lady sancte Mary & to all the holy & blessed company of heven, and my body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the pishe churche yerd of Caluerley beforesaid. Also I will that Agnes my wif shall haue & inhabite the fermhold & tene-ment in Pudsay beforesaid w<sup>th</sup> all the lands and tentē to it pteynynge whiche I now dwell in vnto suche tyme as Richard VEVERS my son accōplishe thaige of xxj yeres, paing the rent that is dewe to be paid for the same during the said tyme, and whan my said son Richard VEVERS comes to thaige of xxj yeres or at any tyme before if my said wif his mother fortune to dye or he come to the said aige, I will, assigne, bequeath, & set ouer from thensforth to the said Ric' VEVERS my son, his executors & assignes, all my said teñte & fermhold in the said towneshippe & feilde of Pudsay w<sup>th</sup> all the landē, closses, medowes, pasture & tentē w<sup>th</sup> ther app- tūncē to the said fermhold or teñte pteynynng or belonging in as large maner as Thomas Rothelay granted the same by his lease or grante to Richarde VEVERS father of me the said Ric' VEVERS for terme of foure score & xviii yeres and in as large maner as the said Richard VEVERS my father gaue, granted, assigned & set ouer the said fermhold, landē, medowes & teñte to me the said Richard for his terme he had granted of the said Thomas Rothelay by such yerely rent as he held the same premiss' to haue & to hold all the said teñte, fermhold & the said landē to the said Ric' son of the said Ric' VEVERS, of Pudsay, his executours & assignes imediately after he come to thaige of xxj yeres or to enter at any tyme afore if his mother dye or he come to thaige of xxj yeres . . . Also I will that whan my said Ric' VEVERS [*sic*] comes to aige of xxj yers that then he shall kepe & fynd honestly Agnes my wif his mother meate, drynke & clothing & other necessarys vnto such tyme as it shall please god to call her to his mercy. Also I will & bequeath vnto John VEVERS my yonger son & his assigns the house w<sup>th</sup> all such closes & landē as is nowē in the occupaçon of Rauf Hill in Pudsay, paing to Ric' my son & his assigns the rent therof accustomed during the said terme. The residewe of all my goode, cat- talls & dette not bequeathed nor giuen, my dette & legacies paid & ful- filled & my funerall expens' discharged, I giue and bequeathe all the same to the said Agnes my wif, John & Agnes my children. Also I will and

make the said Agnes my wif & Ric' VEVERS my son myne executors of this my last will and testament. Thes being witnesses, Richard Lepton, Robert Dawson, Thomas Grave & other. — [*Proved 18 Jan., 1556-7, by Richard, Agnes, the widowe, being dead.*]

AGNES SKIPTON, OF PONTEFRACT, WIDOW.

(xv. j. 87 b.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the viij day of Aprile in the yere of our lord God m.cccccc.lvj. I Agnes Skipton, of Pontfraithe, wedowe, w<sup>h</sup>in the conty of Yorke, holl of mynd & good remembrance, makith this my last will & testament in manner & forme following: first I giue and bequeath my soull vnto almighty god my maker & redemer & to the blessed virgyn mary and to all the holy cōpany in heven, & my body to be buried in my pishe church of Pontfrett nigh vnto my husband as may convenyently be. It' I giue to Jenet Hirst & to Isabel Hirst my workday gowne & my violet kirtle & Jenet Hirst to chose. It' I giue to be heirelomes in this house thes peells following, the yron chymney in the hall w<sup>h</sup> the bawke & foure crok<sup>e</sup> hanging of the same, a standing bed in the ploure & a long chiste standing by the same bed & a bed of bord<sup>e</sup> in the chamber & a laver hanging at the garthe dore & a paire of yron rack<sup>e</sup>. It' I giue to Wi<sup>h</sup>m my son a coūter & the carpet lyeing on it. It' I giue to the same a landyron w<sup>h</sup> a payre of rakk<sup>e</sup> & a brason mortar. It' I giue to Wi<sup>h</sup>m my son my best Spytt, and I giue the second spitt to my son John. It' I giue to Agnes Skipton daughter of my son John a brasse pott & iiij pewther doblers. It' I will haue dirige & masse the day of my buriall, and I will that my executors shall make a dyner vnto my poore neighbores to the valewe of xx<sup>s</sup>. It' I will that all suche good<sup>e</sup> and houses that my late husband haith giuen in his will to stande firme & stable. It' I giue vnto my son John Skipton the house that Tatam wif dwellithe in bycause I was ioyned purches w<sup>h</sup> my late husband for avoydinge troble hereafter. It' I make my son Wi<sup>h</sup>m & my son John myne executors ioyntly together. It' I will that my soñes shall lovingly deuide all suche good<sup>e</sup> as I leave them & to cary & recary at all tymes from tyme to tyme. The residewe of all my good<sup>e</sup> not bequest I giue vnto my said executors to dispose for the helthe of my soull & my husband soull & all christen soules. Thes being witnesses, Thomas Wakefelde, gent., John Mylner thelder, Thomas Stable, and Richard Tatam, with other mo.— [*Proved 18 Jan., 1556-7.*]

HENRY THOMSON, OF WAKEFIELD.

(xv. j. 85 a.)

In the name of god Amen: the xxij day of August in the yere of oure lord god m.cccccc.lvj. I Henrye Thomson, of Wakefeld, seike in body & holl of mynd & of good & pfecte remembrance, makithe this my last will & testament in maner and forme followinge. First I giue & bequeath my soull to god almighty my saueyo<sup>r</sup> & redemer, to our blessed lady sancte Mary the vyrgin, & to all the celestiall company of heven, & my body to be buried in the pishe churche yerde of Wakefeld aforesaid. It' I giue to John Thomson my son my house in Wakefeld with thapptñnce wherin I nowe inhabite & dwell imediatly after the decesse of my wif to him and



to his heires for eu'. It' I giue to Thomas Thomson my son one closse called John Meyr buttynge vpon Jack ynge to him & to his heires for eu'. And if it fortune the said John & Thomas to dye w<sup>o</sup>ute heires I will that the said house & close remayne to Xpofer Thomson & for lacke of heyres of his body lawfully begotten I will it remayne to Henry & Richard Thomson my soñes & to ther heires for eu'. It' I giue to Ric' my son on sworde, on gyrdle dagger, ij yron ha'mers & iiij yron wedges. It' I giue to Henry my son my bowe & shafe of arrowes & half of my shop geare if he wilbe a shomaker. It' I giue to Withm Hartlay on blake jaket. It' I giue to Henry Thomson my son on gray jaket & a lether doblot. It' I giue to John Goldsmythe a paire of gray hose & a paire of newe shois. It' I giue to Robert Thomson my brother a paire of blewe hose & my best sherte. The residewe of all my goodē vnbequest, my dettes & legacies paid, I giue & bequeath to Jenet my wif, whom I make & ordeyn to be my full & only Executrix, she to dispose for my soull as my trust is in her. Also I will that John Mynes, Geffray Rycherdson & Robert Thomson be the supvisors of this my last will & testament to se it fulfilled & done & eu'y of them to haue for ther paynes & labore xij<sup>d</sup>. Thes being witness', James Brodbent, my curate, & John Roo.—[*Proved 17 Jan., 1556-7.*]

### JOHN SALE, OF TONG.

(xv. j. 33 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the vj day of October in the yere of our lord god m.ccccc.lvj. I John Sale, of Tonge in the pishe of Birstall, of holl mynd & good reme'mbrance, maketh my last will & testament in maner & forme followinge. First & principall I giue & bequeath my soull to God Almighty, to oure lady sancte Mary, & to all the holy company of heven, and my body to be buried in the churche yerd of Birstall. Also I will that Elisabethe my wif shall haue the gou'nance & bringing up of my ij soñes at & by the discreçon & order of Henry Batte, of Birstall, & Richard Jenkinson, of Pudsey. Also I will that my holl goodē shalbe dyvided into thre egall parte, the first part therof to be to my said wif according to the lawes of this Rialme, and the second parte therof to Ric' Sale my yonger son & the last third part therof to be bestowed for & toward the bringing of my ij sones vnto they comē to thaige of discreçon at & by the aduyse, order & discreçon of the said Henry Batte & Ric' Jenkinson. And if any pte of the said last third of my said goodē shall remayne vnbestowed of the bringing vp of my said ij sones as is said, then I will that the remaynder of that parte shalbe giuen & paid to the said Ric' my yongest son at suche tymes as my supvisors shall thinke convenient. Also I giue & bequeath unto the said Eliz' my wif all my landē & teñte vnto such tyme as my son & heire James Sale be & come to thaige of xxj yeres to thintent that my said wif shall bestowe all thissues & profitte of the same landē & teñte excepte only her owne dower or third toward the exhibition & fynding at schole of my said ij sones and toward ther lernyng of soñ honest crafte or otherwise for & toward ther profett as shalbe thought requisite & meite by the discreçon, consell & aduise of the said Henry Batte & Ric' Jenkinson. Item I giue vnto the said Ric' my son a greate arke & a chiste. Also I will that the said James my son shall pay vnto the said Ric' my yonger son furth of my said landē

five m'ke evenly in v yerres nexte after the said James shall come to thaige of xxj yerres. Also I ordeyn & make the said Eliz' my wif & Ric' my son my executors so that my said wif shall not order then [*sic*] dispose any thinge otherwise or co'trary to this my said will as is afore declared. Also I ordeyn & make the said Henry Batte & Ric' Jenkinson supvisors of this my said will & testament desiring them to se & helpe the same executed & pformed accordingly. Thes witnes, Richard Goodall, Robte Sale, the sayde Henry Batte, Richard Jenkynson, and other mo.—  
[*Proved 18 Jan., 1556-7.*]

NICHOLAS LOCKAY, OF BOLTON, JUNIOR.

(xv. j. 90 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxj day of Septembre in the yere of oure lord god m'ccccvj. I Nicholas Lockay, of Bolton, iunior, within the pishe of Calu'ley, seike of body & holl & p'fecte of mynd & remembrance (thankē be to God), doth ordeyne & make this my last will and testament in manner & forme following. First & principally I comēd my soull to Almighty god my maker & to Jesu christ my redemer & to all the holye & blessed company of heven, and my body to be buried w'in the pishe churchē yerd of Calu'ley aforsaid. Also if it please god that the child nowē being in the wombe of Eliz' my wif to be a son that than I will giue & bequeath vnto the same son the preferment of my lease & teñte in Bolton to haue, occupie and convert the same lease and teñte to him, his executors & assignes at suche tyme as he shall accomplishe thaige & yerres of discrecion during all suche termes & yerres as then shall or may be to come & vnspent in the same. Also I will that Eliz' my wif during the nonage of my said son shall haue the occupaçon & preferment of my said teñte & lease for the keping and bringing vp of my said child & children & for defalte of suche issue I will & bequeth the preferment of my said teñte & lease vnto Eliz' my wif during all suche termes and yerres as is yet to come & vnspent in the same. Always prouyded that after the daye of the death of my said wif the yerres than to come & vnspent shall remayne equallye vnto my daughters than lyvinge. Also I bequeath vnto the high altare at Calu'ley for tythes & oblaçons negligently forgotten xij<sup>d</sup>. The residewe & remanent of all my goodē, cattells & dettes not bequest or gyven, I honestly brought furthe, my dettē paid and thes my legacies fulfilled, I giue to Eliz' my wif, Jenet & Katheryn my daughters & to the child now being in the wombe of my said wif, whom I make fully & hollye myne executors of this my present testament. Thes being witnesses, Ric' Hodgeson, preist, John Wiikynson, John Walker, yonger, Hughe Cowper, Thomas Balye & other.—[*Proved 21 Jan., 1556-7, by widow. Grant reserved to children.*]

EDWARD BARKSTON, OF SHERBURN-IN-ELMET.

(xv. j. 95 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the v<sup>th</sup> daye of August Anno D'ni mil<sup>mo</sup> quing<sup>mo</sup> quinquagesimo sexto. I Edwarde Barkestone, in the pishe of Shereburne in Elmet, of holl memorie and pfytt of Remembrance, laude and praise be vnto Allmightie God, doo ordeyn, constytute, and maikē this my last will and testament in man' and forme followinge. First I gyue and bequeathe my soull vnto Allmightie God, to our ladie sancte Marie,

and to the holie celestiaall companye of heven, and my bodie to be sepulted and buried at the southe ende of the aulter in sanct Thomas quere within the said pishe church of Shereburn. Item I will to be geven for my mortuarie after my decease suche sōmes of moneye as is or hereafter shalbe lymytted by the Law and custome of the church. Item I gyve and bequeathe to the highe aulter of the said pishe church of Shereburne for my tythes forgotten v<sup>s</sup>. Also I gyve to the repaçons of the said church v<sup>s</sup>. Item I gyve to the church workes at Fentone v<sup>s</sup>. Item I will that at the daye of my buriaall for my fun'all and exequies to be doyne for me to be gyven to the vicar xij<sup>d</sup>. Item to eu'y prest vj<sup>d</sup>, eu'y pishe clerke iij<sup>d</sup>. and eu'y scoler j<sup>d</sup>, and for other thinge necessarie & requisite the said daye about the brynginge furthe of my bodie into the growne, I will it be doyne at the discretion and sight of myne executors. Also I will that myne said executors immediatlie after my deceasse shall conduct and hier one prest for the tearme of one hole yeare to singe and saye the devyne services at the alter in the said quere of sanct Thomas where as my bodie lyethe buried for my soull and all christen soules. And that my executors shall gyve and paye for the said prest for his Salarye and waiges the sōme of v<sup>li</sup> vjs viij<sup>d</sup>, the same to be leuyded and paid out of my hooll goodē accordinge to the trewe intent and meaninge of this my last will and testament. Also I give and bequeath to my brother Thomas Barkestone one cowe. Also I give and bequeathe vnto my suster Alice Silles one cowe. Also I gyve and bequeathe to Wiłm Barkestone one whie. Also I gyve and bequeathe to Edward Barkestone my Secounde sone one silver salt withe a cover p'teyninge to the same percell gylt And also one silver spoyn. Also I bequeathe to eu'y one of my servantē nowē dwellinge withe me over and aboue ther waigeē xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeathe to Anne my wiff all the hool interest & terme of yeares in all my farmes, to haue, holde, occupie, and inyoie to her duringe the yeares then remaingē not ended nor expyred after my deceasse yf she so longe lyve. Provided that if any of the same terme of yeares be not fullye ended nor expired at the daye of her deathe then I will the Residewe of the said yeares not beyngē so ended nor expired to remayne to Fraunces Barkestone my sone.

And where as Brian Bales and others by ther ded obligatorie berynge date the ix<sup>th</sup> of Septembre in the first yeare of the late Kynge Edward the sext, standethe boundone & in the sōme of one hundreth m<sup>k</sup>ē to me the said Edward Barkestone, Edward and Fraunce my sonnes for the performaunce of certayne coveñte contyened in one paire of Indentures maid betwixt me the said Edward, Edward and Fraunces my sonnes of the one ptie, and the said Brian Bales one the other ptie, beryng date the daye and yeare of the said obligaçon, that is to saie, that Elisabeth Bales doughter of the said Brian Bales when she accomplyshe and come to the full aige of xxj yeares or anye heire or heires of the said Elisabeth when tyme shalbe shall maike or cause to be maid one sure sufficient estate by surrender or other wise accordinge to the custome of the maner of Shereburne of one pennye place, buylded, sett, lyinge and beyngē in Shereburn afforsaid. And also fyve rodes of pennye lande lyinge in Barkestone Feilde to me the said Edward, Edward and Fraunce my sonnes and to our heires or to theires of one of vs as by the said Indentures more playnlie apperithe. And for the better declaringe of this my last

will and testament to be p'formed, obserued, fulfilled, and kepte in maner and forme followinge, that is to saye, I will by this my said will that the said Surrender by the said Elisabethe Bales or by anye heire or heires of her hereafter to be maid of the said pennye place and fyve rodes of lande shall passe and be executed to Fraunce Barkestone my sone and to his heires for ever. And where as Nicholas Barkestone my sone and heire apparent by his dede obligatorie berynge date the viij<sup>th</sup> daye of Julie in the first year of the late Kynge Edward the Sext, standethe bounden in the so<sup>m</sup>e of Foortie pounde to me the said Edward Barkestone the Elder and to myne Executors [Condition for repayment of £20 by instalments]. P'vided that yf the said Nicholas do not content and paye vnto thande of my said Executors the said some of twentie pounde at the said feaste as before is declared, then I will that my said Executors shall enter to one tenement or messuage withe all the arrable lande, medowes, and pastures with the appurteñces to the same belonginge, sett, lyinge and beyng within the towne and Feilde of Barkestone nowe in tenure and occupa<sup>c</sup>on of Robert Hidsone [power to receive the revenues until fully satisfied]. And that my said executors shall dispose of the said xx<sup>li</sup> in maner and forme followinge. First I gyve and bequeathe to George Bucke vj<sup>li</sup> xij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Item I gyve and bequeathe to Jane Barkestone fyve pounde. Item to Anne Barkestone fyve pounde. Item I gyve and bequeathe to Richarde Barkestone ij<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I will further that the said Nicholas Barkestone my sone and heyre apparaunte after my deceasse shall suffer myne Executors peaceable and quyatlie to occupie and enioye the Mansyone house which I nowe dwell in called Barkeston Hall with all arrable lande, medowe, and pasture withe all other thappurteñces to the same belonginge frome the feast of sanct Martyne in Wynter after my deceasse vnto thend and terme of one hooll yeare then next followinge the said Feast, yeldinge and paynge therfore to the said Nicholas and his heires v<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> at towe vsuall termes equallie to be devided, and that the said Executors shall paye all suche rentes as ar dewe to the cheif lord or lord of the fee over and above the said rent of vj<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I will that the towe tables in the haull withe the formes belonginge to the same shall remayne for eu<sup>r</sup> and hereafter be taken for heyre-lomes remanyng w<sup>th</sup>in the same haull. The Residewe of all my goode moveable and vnmmoveable vnbequeathed, my dette paid, my legacies fulfilled and all the poyntes & articles in this my said last will and testament fulfilled and kept, I gyve and bequeath to Anne my wiff, Edward and Fraunce my sonnes, whome I doo orden, constitute and maike myne executors of this my last will and testament, and there to dispose the same for the benyfytt of my soull accordinge as theye thinke most requysite. Also I doo orden, constytute, and make the supvisor of this my last will and testament maister Nicholas Hall, clerke, whome I gyve for his paynes takinge in this behalf one olde riall. In wytenes, sir Robert Blanche, curate of Shereburn, Thomas Crosthwait, Thomas Morret, Thomas Steadmā, John Hillome, Robert Man, with others.—[*Proved 12 October, 1556, by Edward and Francis, 1 Ann. the widow, being dead.*]

(1) Probably she may be identified with Alice, daughter of Thomas Leeds, of Milford. See 'Ellis of Barnborough' in *Glover's Visitation of Yorkshire* (Foster), p. 135.

## ANNE JENKINSON, OF BIRSTALL.

(xv. j. 97 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xiiij<sup>th</sup> daye of Maye in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord god a thowsande fyve hunderithe fiftie and sex. I Anne Jenkynsone in the pishinge of Byrstill, of hooll mynde, makethe my last will in forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soull to god Almightye and to the cōpanye of o<sup>r</sup> blissed ladie sancte Marie and to all the sancte in heaven, and my bodie to be buried in the hye quere of Bristall of the holie apostles Peter and Paull. In primis at the daye of my buriall I wilbe brought furthe of my hooll goode honestlie after the mynde of Robert Poplay and other of my frende. Item I gyve to Jane Smythe my seruante a cofer, a mattres, a blankett, a sheitt, ij couerlett, x<sup>s</sup> of money, and her hooll yere wayge past ix<sup>s</sup>. Item I give to Alicie Westwro x<sup>s</sup> of moneye, a blankett, a sheytt, and a gowne purfeld. And I give to Jane Smythe and Alicie Westwro an olde goose and v yonge geyse. Item I give to my daughter in law, Elsabethe Poplaye, and to Dorothe Kyllingbecke the rest of all my other rayment. Item I gyve to Peter Myrfeld, gentilmā, a mattres, a paire of lynyng sheitt, and sex pece of pewther seu'allie. The Rest of all my other goode nother gyven nor bequeathed I gyve them hoollie to Robert Rayner and Dorothe Kyllingbecke betwixte them, that is to saye, this parte of goodc thus devyded to Robert Rayner a fether bed, a mattres, ij paire of sheytt, xij peis of pewther, iij candilstickc, a basynge, half my brasse pott, ij sylver spoynes, and a cowe. Item as moche I gyve to Dorothee Kyllingbecke a fether bed, a mattres, ij pare of sheytt, xij pece of pewther, iij candilstickc, a basenge, half of my brasse pottes, ij siluer spoynes, and a cowe. And al my other goodc to be devided yoncelie betwixt them. Item I maike and ordayne the said Robert Rayner and Dorothee Kyllingbecke my full executors after my deathe, desyringe my sone Robert Poplaye to be supvisor of this my last will that it be fūlled after my mynde as my speciall trust is in hym to helpe my said executors in ther right. Thes men beringe wytnes, Withm Tailyor, William Stead, chaplayne.—[*Proved 22 Oct., 1556. by Robert Raynor. Grant reserved to Dorothy Killingbeck.*]

## RICHARD DENISON, OF HECKMONDWIKE.

(xv. j. 98 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xvij daye of August in the yere of oure lorde god a thowsand fyve hunderithe fyftie and sex. I Richard Denysone of hekmūdwyke in this pische of Byrstill, of hooll mynde, maketh my last will in forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soull to God Almightye and to the companye of our blissed ladie sanct Marie & to all the sancte in heaven, and my bodie to be buried in the churche yerd of Bristall of the holie apostles Peter and Paull. In primis the good will of my farmhold as far as in me lyethe and withe the lycence of my lorde I gyve yt to John Denysone my sone after my wiff deceasse. Item all my goode that I haue after my deceasse, all maner of dettes and dewties content and paid, I gyve them holie to Jennet my wiff, John and Thomas my sonnes, according to the lawe, savinge that my wiff shall haue all moveables within my house as pottes, pannes, bedinge and suche others duringe her lif except she go any where to dwell frome this house, And

if she so do then she shall haue the thyrd parte therof, And my too sones John and Thomas shall haue the rest. And all my other maner of goode shall be devided to my wiff and my too sones after my deceasse as is afor-said. Also I gyve to litle John Denyson a yowe and a lambe and to Jane Clerkeson a lambe and to litle Richard Denysone a nother lambe. Also Jennett Clerkeson my doughter shall haue my half or parte of hyues whiche is mean [? mine] at Nicholas Brooke. Fenallie I maike John Denysone my sone my full executor after my deceasse, and to dispose for my soull as he thynkest best. Thes men beinge wytnes, Nicholas Broke, Thomas Kyghlay, James Roydhous, and Wiłm Walker. Item I bequeathe to the children of Thomas Denysone a cove to be put to pfytt by the sight of freyndē, and that the said Thomas Denysone ther father shall haue nothinge to do withe her.—[*Proved 17 October, 1556.*]

JOHN WALKER, OF HECKMONDWIKE.

(xv. j. 100 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the third daye of Aprill in the yeaere of oʳ lord god a thowsand fyve hunderithe fyftie and sex. I John Walker, of Hecmūdwyke in the pishinge of Bristall, of hoole mynde, maikethe my last will in forme followinge. First I bequeathe my saull to god Allmightie and the companye of oʳ blissed ladie sanct Marie and to all the sanctē in heaven, and my bodie to be buried in the churchē of Bristall of the holie apostles Peter and Paull. First at the tyme of my buriall I wilbe brought furthe of my hooll goode, And at my dette and dewytes shalbe content and paid of the hooll. Item furthermore I gyve to John Walker my sone the yonger, and to Alicie my doughter to ayther of them iiij<sup>th</sup> ou' and aboue ther childe porçons, and also my wiff to haue her thyrde accordinge to the lawe. And fenallie the Rest of all my goode nether gyven nor bequeathed I gyve them hollie to all my iiij children equallie to be devided emonge them, and I maike Wiłm my sone and John Walker my sone, the yonger, my full and lawfull executors after my deceasse to fulfill this my last will after my mynd. Thes men beyngē wytnes, John Strenger, Thomas Kyghlay, Nicholas Broke, and John Denysone.—[*Proved 22 Oct., 1556.*]

BRIAN TAYLOR, OF HEATON.

(xv. j. 101 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the first daye of September in the yeaere of our lorde god a thowsand fyve hunderithe fyftie and sex. I Brian Talyor, of Heatone in the pishinge of Bristall, of hooll mynde, maikethe my last will and testament in forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soull to God Allmightie, to the companye of oʳ blissed ladie sanct Marie, and to all the sanctē in heven, and my bodie to be buried in the churchē yeard of Bristall of the holie apostles peter and paull. First I will that all my dette and dewytes be content and paid of my hooll goode. Also the good will of my farmehold after my wiff decease as fare as in me liethe and by the lycence and favor of my lord I gyve it to James my sone. Item I gyve to John my sone a pane after my wiff deceasse, and w<sup>th</sup> that and suche thinge as he haithe and haithe gotten vnder me he shalbe content. Also Wiłm my sone haith had of me wooll a certayne and gressinge and fodderinge of a quye till she was sold for xx<sup>s</sup>, and also bordinge at certayne

tymes for space of manye yeares, and I haue parte money of hym agayne for whiche mattors I haue poynted iiij men, and he shalbe ordered by them and w<sup>th</sup> that he shalbe content for his childe parte. Fenallie the Rest of all my other goode, all dette & dewites discharged, I gyve thē hollie to Jennett my wiff & James my sone. And the said Jennet and James shalbe my executors after my deceasse to dispoose for my soull as they thinke best. Thes men beyng wytnes, Randall Brere, Jofin Broke, and Thomas Talyor.—[*Proved 22 Oct., 1556.*]

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WILLIAM BURGHE, OF WOODKIRK.

(xv. j. 101 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord god a thowsand fyve hunderithe fiftie sex, the xxvj daye of Maye. I Wi<sup>th</sup>m Burghe, of the perishe of Woodkyrke, holl of mynde and pfytt of remembraunce, maiketh this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. First I gyve my soull to allmightie god, and my bodie to be buried in the churche yerd of Woodkyrke. Item I gyve to the churche of Woodkyrke towarde the bynge of a chalice xij<sup>d</sup>. Item I will that at the daye of my buriall that my bodie be brought furthe of my wholl goode, my dette paid and fun'all expens' maid at my buriall. The Residewe of my goode I gyve vnto Alicie my wiff & my children, that is, Thomas Burghe, Xpofer, Dorothe, Alice, M'garet, Agnes, Elsabethe & Clare, whiche I maike my lawfull executors. Thes beinge witnes, sir Richarde Robert, John Foss'd, Thomas Bradley, John Burghe, Robert Fournes, with other.—[*Proved 22 Oct., 1556, by the widow. Grant reserved to the children.*]

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JOHN DAWSON, OF LOFTHOUSE.

(xv. j. 111 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the sext daye of August in the yere of oure lord god a thowsande fyve hunderithe fyftie and sex. I John Dawson, of Lofthouse w<sup>th</sup>in the pishe of Rothewell, hooll of wytt and mynde and of good and perfytt remembraunce, makith this my last will and testament in this forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soull vnto Allmightie God and to o<sup>r</sup> blissed ladie sanct Marie and to all the celestiaall companye in heven, and my bodie to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the churche yarde of Rothewell of the holie trinitie. I bequeathe to the blissed sacrament of the Alter iiij<sup>d</sup>. Item I bequeathe to the repacons of the churche xij<sup>d</sup>. I bequeathe my hooll farmhold wherin I do dwell to my wiff duryng her lif and after her deceasse to turne holie to John my sone. The rest of all my goode, my dette paid and my fun'all expence maid, I gyve and bequeathe to Jennett my wiff, whome I maike my lawfull executrix. Wytnesses hereof, Robert Haull, Wi<sup>th</sup>m Veuers, Brian Mylms, Thomas Walker, Alinus Maner, with other moo.—[*Proved 12 Nov., 1556.*]

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JOHN CLAUGHTON, OF BRAMLEY.

(xv. j. 112 b.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xxvjth daye of Maye in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lorde God a thowsand fyve hunderithe fyftie and sex. I John Claghton, of Bramley within the pish of Leede, beinge of good and pfyte memorie, makithe this my last will and testament in man' and forme hereafter followinge. The first I bequeathe my soull to allmightie God my maker

and redemer and to o<sup>r</sup> blessed ladie sancte Marie and to all the blissed companye of heven, and my bodie to be buried within the churche yearde of Leidd<sup>e</sup> yf it shall please Allmightie god that I shall dye w<sup>th</sup>in the said pishe. Also I gyve to Isabell Whytley vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I gyve to Isabell Whitley and to Alisone Seele one hyve betwyxt them. Also I gyve to Thomas my sone my best jacket. Also I gyve to John my sone my pressinge yrone and my tailyer sheres. Also I gyve to Nicholas my sone my best dublett. Also I gyve to Alison, Nicholas my sone wiff, my hatt. Also I gyve to Agnes my wiff all my corne and all the huslement in my house as chaires, scoles, wod boilles, woddishes, cardes, whele. Also I gyve to the said Agnes my wiff my farmhold and tenement wher-vpon I nowe dwell duringe her naturall lif and after her deceasse to remaine to Thomas my sone. Also I will that my goode be devided into thre ptes, one parte to my self and one to my wiff, and the thirde parte to my fyve children, Nicholas, Thomas, Robert, John and Margaret for ther childes porçons. Also I will that my dett<sup>e</sup> be paid and I brought furthe of my owne parte, and the Rest of my parte, fun'all expence discharged. I give to Agnes my wiff and Thomas my sone my executors of this my will and testament. Also I maike Sir Thomas Gybson the supvisor of this my last will and testament desiringe hym faithfullie to se that this my will be fulfilled accordinge to the premisses. Thes beyng<sup>e</sup> wytnesses, Richarde Gybsone, Wiłm Mvsgrave, John Thornetone, John Slater, with other.—  
[*Proved 12 Nov., 1556.*]

JOHN BYWATER, OF LITTLE PRESTON.

(xx. j. 112 b.)

In dei nōie amen: the xxvijth daye of September, the yeare of oure lord god a thowsande fyve hunderithe fiftie and sex. I John Bywater, of litle prestone within the parishe of Kyppax, seke of bodie and of pfytt remembrance, do make my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. That is to saye, First I bequeath my soull to god allmightie, to o<sup>r</sup> blissed ladie sanct Marie, and to all the holie companye of heven, and my bodie to be buried in the churche yearde of Kippax aforsaid. Item I bequeathe to the churche wark<sup>e</sup> of Kippax xvj<sup>d</sup>. Item I bequeathe to my eight god children eu'y one of them iiij<sup>d</sup>. Item I bequeathe one hive of bees to maister Dyneley. Item I bequeathe my best jackett to Thomas my brother and a pare of hose clothe. Item I bequeathe to Anne Evers a coytt clothe. Item I bequeathe to Robert Evers a hogge shepe. The Rest of all my good<sup>e</sup> not bequeathed, my dett<sup>e</sup> paid, my fun'all expencies discharged, I gyve to Margaret my wiff and to Anne my doughter, whome I maik my hooll executors of this my last will to distribute my said good<sup>e</sup> at ther will for my soules healthe. Thes witnesses, Richard Bywater and Thomas Beall, w<sup>th</sup> other mo.—[*Proved 12 Nov., 1556, by the widow. Grant reserved to the daughter.*]

THOMAS ROBERT, OF SWILLINGTON.

(xx. j. 113 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxvijth daie of September in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lorde god a thowsand fyve hunderithe fyftie and sex. I Thomas Robert, of Swyllington in the countie of Yorke, Smythe, beyng<sup>e</sup> hooll of mynde and of good and pfytt remembraunce, laude and prayse be vnto Allmightie god, maketh and ordenythe this my last will and testament



in man' and forme followinge. First I comēde my soull vnto the hande of allmightie god my maker & Redemer, and my bodie to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the churche yearde of Swillington. And I bequeathe vnto the hie Aulter for tithes and oblacons forgotten xij<sup>d</sup>. Item I will my goode be devided in thre partes, that is to saye, one parte to my wiff, a nother to my childer, and the thirde parte after my fun'all expence maid I gyve vnto my wiff and my children equallie to be devided emongest them, whome I maike myne executors of this my will and testament. Thes beinge wytnesses, Michaell Hauill, Thomas Grene, curate, William Robert, Thomas Dyncley, John Thawkecore.—[*Proved 12 Nov., 1556, by Isabel the widow, John and James, sons. Grant reserved to Thomas, William, Ursula, Francis, and Michael, sons, minors.*]

JOHN BONNER, OF OTLEY.

(xv. j. 113a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxv<sup>th</sup> daye of the monethe of September, the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lorde god a thowsande fyve hunderithe fyftie and sex. I John Bonner, hole of mynde and memorie, maikē and ordayns this my last will and testament vnder this forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soull to Allmightie god, o<sup>r</sup> ladie sanct Marie virgine, and to all the celestiall companye of heven, and my bodie to be buried in the pishe church of Otley. Also I bequeathe to the sacrament in Otley for forgotten tithes iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeathe to Sir george Shawe, prest, iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Also I haue gyven to George Bonner my sone at Mydsomer last past the third part of my farmhold withe the thirde parte of my corne and iij oxen and half of all the gere belonginge to husbandre and one quye and to sawe half of the Fawghe and to enter at o<sup>r</sup> ladie daye the admi<sup>c</sup>iacon next followinge to the half of my farmhold, in full contentacon and payment of his childe porcon, and he haith sealed me Acquitaunce. Also I haue gyven to Thomas my eldest sone all his childe porcon and haith sealed me acquitance. Also Xpofer my sone haith his porcon and haith sealed me acquitance. Also Alisone my doughter is furthe withe her childe porcon and haith sealed me acquitance. Also Jane my doughter haith her childe porcon w<sup>th</sup>out acquitance but her father rewarde and my reward was named at the daye of marage that she should haue towe oxen styrke and towe quye styrke when they enter to ther farmhold at Smawbank. Also the other half of my farmhold I gyve to Isabell my wiff and Anthony my sone, and my wiff to haue the best house as longe as she kepithe her widowe, and it is my will that Anthonye my sone shall haue all his goode that the said Anthonye haith at my house beside his childe porcon. Also I will that Anthonye my sonne, Isabell and Agnes my doughters haue the thirde parte of my goode equallie devided amonge them for ther childe porcons. The Residewe of my goode not bewytt, my dette paid and fun'all expence maid, I will that my wiff Isabell Bonner and Anthonye Bonner my sone haue them, whiche I make my executors, and Constance Banton, Henrye Hardwike and Thomas Dryver to be supervisors of my will that they maye se my will fulfilled. Thes being wytnes, Robert Foster, Edward Wayrde, Costanne Threpland, Thomas Lyster, and s<sup>r</sup> George Shawe, with other mo, as John Wayrde and James Wylley. —[*Proved 12 Aug. [Nov.], 1556.*]

## GEORGE SIMSON, OF LEEDS, CLOTHIER.

(xv. j. 114a.)

In the name of God Amen: the sext daye of Marche in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lord god a thowsand fyve hunderithe fyftie and thre. I George Symson, of Ledde, clother, of hooll mynde and good memorie, makithe this my last will and testamente in man' and forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soull vnto allmightie god & to o<sup>r</sup> blissed ladie and to all the sancte in heven, and my bodie to be buried within the pishe churche of sanct Peter at Leade. Also I gyve and bequeathe to Wi<sup>thm</sup> Harrysone my sone in laye one hooll yeare mylninge of his owne clothe after my deceasse. Also I will that Alicie my wiff shall haue all my goode and taikē painge to eu'y one of my children ther childe porçons accordinge to the lawe. And also I maikē the said Alicie my wiff my full executrix to paye my dette & to fulfill this my last will & testament and to dispose the rest of my goode as she shall think best pleasenge Allmightie god. Also I gyve & bequeathe to Margaret my doughter vj<sup>th</sup> xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup> for her childe porçon. Also I gyve to Wi<sup>thm</sup> Symson my sone my best jacket & my buckskyn coyt. Also I gyve to Wi<sup>thm</sup> Harrison my sone in laye my next jacket and my best boose and xs in moneye for the cove which Elisabethe Wharton gave to Elisabethe Symson. Also I gyve to Wi<sup>thm</sup> Symson my sone xl<sup>s</sup> in money for his hooll parte of his childes porçon and he to sealle my wiff my executrix a quyttaunce for his childe parte or els he to cast in that that he haithē had & to haue that that the lawe will gyve hym or his childe parte as yt shall come to. Thes beinge wytnes, Richard Mathewe, Nycholas Reame, and John Kyrke.—[*Proved 12 Nov., 1557*[6].]

## THOMAS FALCONER, OF HUNSLET.

(xv. j. 114 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxijth daye of September in the yeare of oure lord god a thowsand fyve hunderithe fyftie and foure. I Thomas Fawkener, of Huntslett, of hooll mynde and good memorie, makithe this my last will and testament in man' and forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soull vnto Allmightie god my creator and redemer, and my bodie to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the pishe churche yearde of Ledde of the sonnysyd. Also I gyve to eu'y god childe iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I gyve to Richarde Fawkener, George sonne, a yowe and a lambe. Also I will that my goode be devided in thre p'tes, one p'te to my wiff, a nother parte to be devided equallie betwixt my children, George Fawkener, Richard Fawkener, Margaret Fawkener, and Alicie Fawkener. And I gyve to Richard Fawkener my sone yoocke, teimes & plowes ou' and beside that. And I will that George my sonne haue that goode counted in his parte whiche he had at his mariage. Also I give to Richard my sone my goodwill of my farmhold after the deceasse of my wiff. Also I gyve to William Fawkener my sonne one whie. Also the thirde parte of my goode, my fun'all expence and charge paid, I give to Elsabethe my wiff, whome I maikē my full executrix of this my last will & testament. Thes beinge wytnes, George Bratwhate, Robert Wilkynson, with other.—[*Grant 12 Nov., 1556, to William, George, and Richard, sons, the widowe having renounced.*]

## ROBERT BARTELOTT, OF BARKSTONE.

(xv. j. 118 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: quarto decimo die Octobris Anno D'ni Milimo qui-  
gen<sup>mo</sup> qui'quagesimo sexto. I Robert Bartelott, of Barkestone w<sup>th</sup>in  
the pishe of Shereburne in Elmet, hooll of mynde and pfytt of Remem-  
brance and knowleage, lawde and praise be gyven vnto allmightie god, do  
ordayne, constitute, and maike this my last will and testament in maner  
and forme as hereafter doith ensue. Firste I gyve and bequeathe my soull  
vnto allmightie god yf it please hym to call me oute of this transytorie  
worlde at this present tyme, and to the blissed virgyne oure ladie sanct  
marie his mother, and to all the holie companye of heaven, and my bodie  
to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the sanctuarie of my pisshe church yearde of Shere-  
burn aforsaid. It'm I gyve and bequeathe to the blissed sacrament for  
my tithes and oblaçons forgotten iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Item I gyve and bequeathe  
to the church worke at Shereburne vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I gyve and bequeathe  
Alicie Bartelott, my brother John doughter, xl<sup>s</sup>. Item I gyve and be-  
queathe to Henrie Holdaile xij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I gyve and bequeathe vnto John  
Burlande wiff one ewe and one lambe. Item I gyve and bequeathe to  
Thomas Smythe one ewe and one lambe. Item I gyve and bequeathe to  
Anne Marshall my s'unt one peticcott clothe. Item I give and bequeathe  
to Leonarde Snawden my s'unte one dublett. Item I gyve and bequeathe  
to eu'y one of my god children iij<sup>d</sup>. Item the Residewe of all my goodē  
moveable and vnmoueable not bequeathed, my dette and legacies paid  
and fun'allē discharged, I gyve and bequeathe to Jane my wiff, whome I  
do ordayne, constitute, and maike my sole executrix of this my last will  
and testament to distribute and dispose for my soules healthe as she shall  
thinke most convenient and meite. Wyttnesses, Sir Robert Blanche,  
curate, Robert Forman, John Wharledaill, and John Polle, with others.:-  
[*Proved 26 November, 1556.*]

## WILLIAM HEWIT, OF LEDSTONE.

(xv. j. 135 a.)

In the name of God Amen: in the yeare of oure lorde a thowsande fyve  
hunderithe fyftie and sex and xxvj daye of Julie. I William Hewyt, in  
Ledstone, beinge of hoole mynde and good memorie, maikē this my laste  
will and testament in maner and forme followinge. First I bequeathe my  
soull to Allmightie god, oure ladie sanct marie, and to all the sanctes in  
heaven, and my bodie to be buried in the church yearde of oure ladie  
in Kypax. First I bequeathe to the blissed sacrament xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I  
bequeathe to Jennet Pole my s'unte a yowe and a lambe. Also I bequeathe  
to William Boltone the goodwill of my farmholde after the decesse of my  
wiff. Also I bequeathe to a childe of Richarde Nycalson whiche I am  
godfather to, a yowe hogge. Also I bequeathe to Margaret my wiff and  
John Hewyt my cosing The rest of all my goodē, my dette and fun'all  
expens' maid of boithe my buriall and then to deale boithe in towne and  
feilde after the decesse of my wiff, whome I maike my full executors.  
Thes beinge recordes, James Dodge, Maister Vicar, Wiłm Boltone,  
Richarde Nicalson, withe other moo.—[*Proved 1 Oct., 1556, by the widow.*  
*Grant reserved to John Hewyt, a minor.*]

## CHRISTOPHER HARRISON, OF LEATHLEY.

(xv. i. 135 a.)

In the name of God Amen: in the yere of oure lorde god a thowsand fyve hunderithe fyftie and sex and on the xvij daye of August. I Christofer Harrisons, of Lethelaye, beinge seike in bodie but of pfytt mynde and in good memorie, doithe ordayne and maike this my last will in maner and forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soull to Allmightie god, or ladie sanct Marie, and to all the celestial companye in heaven. And my bodie to be buried in the churche yearde of Leathelaye. Item I will that my goodē accordinge to the custome of the cuntre to be equallie divided in thre parte. one parte to my self, one other parte to Jane my wyff, and the thyrde parte to my poore children. Item I will that all my dettē and fun'all expensis be taiken hollie forthē of my parte and the remainder thereof I giue to Jane my said wiff. Also I will and desire in the waye of charitie Wiłm Fenteman and Robert Moyses to haue and taikē the ordre and mynistracō of all my goodē and they to see this my last will to be fulfilled, that my poore wyff and children maye haue ther right, and I putt my hool trust vnto them and they to haue ther chardges borne of the hole goodē. Thes berynge wytnes, John Watson, curate, Umfraye Hodgeson, Wiłm Fentymā, Roberte Moyses, and Roberte Bradbēlt.—[*Proved 1 October, 1556.*]

## GEORGE BRAMLEY, OF OTLEY.

(xv. j. 135 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: Anno Dñi miłlmo qui'gen<sup>mo</sup> quadregesimo nono, vicesimo terc'o die Februarij. I George Bramelaye, seike of bodie but boole of remembraunce, maikethe this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soull to Allmightie God and to all the holie companye in heaven, and my bodie to be buried in christen manes buriall. Item I bequeathe my goodē to be divided in thre accordinge to the lawe. That is to saye, one parte to my self, an other to my wiff, and the third to my chyl dren. Item I will that my dettē be paid of my hole goodē. Item I will that my bodie be broughte furthe of my owne parte. Item I will that the Residue of my goodē when my bodie is brought furthe and all other costes and chargies done that then the residewe of my p'te be devided equallie emonge my wyff and children. Item I bequeathe the good will of my farmholde to Margaret my wiff and Henrye my sone as longe as my wiffe is wedowe if the lorde be content therwithē, to brynge vppe my children therwithē, and yf my wyff marie agayne I bequeathe the good will of my farmeholde to Henrye my sonne. Item I maikē Margaret my wiff and Henrie my sonne my executors. Item where as Roger Mawsone haith tolde my maister Sir William Fairfaxe that I did gyve hym the good will of my farmhold I taik yt of my chardge as I shall aunswere at the daye of Judgement that he saye falselie and vntreulie of me. Thes beinge wytnes, William Smythe the elder and Wiłm Smythe the yonger, Robert Wylson, William Slator, sir Thomas Lowecke, withē other moo.—[*Proved 1 October, 1556.*]

## MARGARET FIELD, OF BEESTON.

(xv. j. 135 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the viij<sup>th</sup> daye of August in the yere of oure lorde god a thowsand fyve hunderithe fyfte and sex. I Margaret Feilde, of Beistone within the pishe of Ledes and in the countie of Yorke, maiketh this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soull vnto Allmightie god and to oure ladie sancte marie and to all the sanctes in heaven, and my bodie to be buried within the pishe churche yearde of sanct Peter at Ledes, neighe vnto my husbandle, secundlie I bequeathe vnto the blissed sacrament of the alter at Ledes vj<sup>d</sup>, vnto the blissed sacrament of the alter at Battlay vj<sup>d</sup>, vnto the poore people vjs viij<sup>d</sup>, vnto Rauff Felde my eldist sonne iij sheippe, vjs viij<sup>d</sup>, and his owne parte of his corne, ij partes of one loid of haye, a kettle and one litle pane: to his sonne Thomas one yowe and a beige panne, to my doughter Katheryn his wiff a kyrchef, to her ij doughters ij sheippe and one rayle, to my youngest son John Feild ij newe pannes, my pewther vessell, one brasse pott, one candilstick, my water kytt, one churme, one stande, my dyshe, boylles, tubbes, and all other wood vessell, my aile pottes, ij seves, one redle, one almerie at my bedd feytt, one arke in the p<sup>l</sup>or, one cove, one loid of haye, one half of my corne, ij cou<sup>l</sup>ett, ij blankett, ij paire of lynne sheitt, one pillowe, one bolster, one mattres, one half of my sheippe, and to receve of my sonne Rauff Feild whiche he owe to me, vj<sup>li</sup> xij<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, for his owne whiche I gyve hym, wherfore he shall maik fun<sup>l</sup>alitie and other my necessarie chardgies. To my sonne Roberte Gaill one loid of haye, one half of my corne, and one half of sheipe to hym and my sonne John one swyne, paynge to my sonne Rauff xvj<sup>d</sup>. To my doughter Elisabeth one arke, one almerie, one chiste, and my blacke kyrtle, to her doughter Alicie one cove and one peticotte, to my sone John and my doughter Elisabeth all my naperie wayre, to my doughter Elisabeth Feilde and Margaret Gaill one henne with vij chekyns, to eu<sup>y</sup> one of my god children vj<sup>d</sup>, to my syster Wayde one gowne, to my brother Roberte Feilde wiff one gowne, to my syster Marie one harden sheitt, one cou<sup>l</sup>ett, one apperone, one raille, one readd coitte, and one kyrshif, to Atkynson wiff one peticotte, to her doughter Margaret one grenne coitte, to Wright wiff one kerchiff and one apperon, to Lawraunce Williams wiff one peticott, and the Rest of my goode to be equallie devided emongest my thre children, Rauff Feild, John Feild, my sonnes, and Elisabeth Gaill my doughter, and thus I maik Rauff Feild and John Feild my sones my full executors of this my last will and testament. Thes being wytnes, Wi<sup>thm</sup> Gaill, George Mylner, and Rauff Moxon, withe other. — [Proved 1 Oct., 1556.]

## THOMAS HALLILEY, OF SOUTH MILFORD.

(xv. j. 161 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xv<sup>th</sup> daie of Decembre in the yere of oure lord god a thowsand fyve hunderithe fyfte and sex. I Thomas Halile, of Mylforth w<sup>th</sup>in the pishe of Sheyrburn, hooll of mynd and memorie, thanke be to god, doith maik this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soull to god Almightie and to our ladie

sanct Marie and to all the celestiaall companye of heven, and my bodie to be buried w<sup>thin</sup> the p<sup>is</sup>he churche of Sheirburn in the myd alye before the Royd. First I bequeath to the blissed sacrament xvjd. Item I bequeathe to my sonne John the elder one oxgañ of land within the feilde of Shereburn whiche he haithe surrender of, to be sowed, and my best yron bownd wayne and one yocke of oxen and one ox of his owne called Darlinge, one garded whiche was Thomas Sledmans, and a browne which was Robert Burmans, of Newthorpe. Also I gyve hym one graye colt which was of the bald meare, and also I gyve hym one ploughe withe all that belonge to yt, towe teames, towe yockes and a yron harrowe. Also I gyve hym xlvjs viij<sup>d</sup> of the whiche I will that fyve nobles of that some shall helpe to brynge me fourthe and the Rest to be paid to hym by myne executors at the daye of his mariage, I gyve hym thes porçons of good in the name of his childe porçon. Item I bequeathe to John my sone the yonger one yocke of oxen whiche is called yslima and lyone, one yocke and a teame and a yrone bound wayne. I will that myne executors maike hym withe the olde yrone that is in the house newe wheles and a newe bodie and xls in penye or in penye worthe, thes porçons of good I gyve hym in the name of his childe porçon. And I will that my wiff or els John my sone, whiche haithe the p<sup>fy</sup>tt of suster house, shall paye one marke at my buryinge. Item my dette paid and my will pformed, I make Jennett my wiff and Thomas my sonne and Jennett my doughter myne executors and assignes. And the Rest of my childer to stande to ther porçons. Thes beyng wytnesses, Godfraye Towneraye, Rawff Burtone, William Halile, Wiłm Burtone.—[*Proved 18 Febr., 1556-7, by the widow. Grant reserved to the children.*]

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EDWARD MEERBECK, OF BURTON SALMON.

(xx. j. 161a.)

In the name of God Amen: the viijth daye of August in the yeare of our lord god a thowsand fyve hunderithe fyftie and sex. I Edward Merebecke, of Burton in the p<sup>is</sup>he of Monkefristone, hooll of mynd and good of remembraunce, maikē this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. First I bequeathe my soull to God Allmightie and to o<sup>r</sup> blissed ladie sancte Marie and to all the celestiaall companye of heaven, and my bodie to be buried within my p<sup>is</sup>he churche yearde, Monkefriston. Also I gyve to the blissed Sacrament xx<sup>d</sup>. Item to Sr Richard gennyngē my curate xx<sup>d</sup>. And to John Mettam, clarke, viij<sup>d</sup>. Item to Edward Wilson a yowe and a lambe. Item to Agnes Wilsone a yow and a lambe and half a quarter of barlie. Item to Richard Merebecke, of Hamylton, sex pounde of woll and yarne. Item to John Smythe, of Fareborne, my best jackett. Item to Thomas Homblocke one mattres, a pare of sheittē, a coulett. Also I will that my wiff shall haue the Rule and occupaçon of all my goode duringe her naturall lif and after her deathe I gyve it to Thomas Homblocke and George Hoppaye whome I maikē my full Executors and they to bringe me honestlie furthe and paye my dette. Thes beinge wytnes, Sir Richarde Gennyngē, my curate, William Halalye, yonger, and Henrye Myttone, William Myttone, with other moo.—[*Proved 18 Feb., 1556-7.*]

## JOHN FYXSER, OF NEWTHORPE.

(xv. j. 161 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the iiij<sup>th</sup> daye of June in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lord god a thowsand fyve hunderithe fyftie and fyve. I John Fyxser, of Newthorpe in the countie of Yorke, myln<sup>r</sup>, hoole of mynd and pfytt in remembrance but seke in bodie, doithe maike this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. First I give and bequeathe my soull to god allmightie, o<sup>r</sup> ladie sanct Marie, and all the blissed companye of heaven, and my bodie to be buried within the pishe churchē yearde of all sancte in Sheirburne or els where it shall please Allmightie god to call me to his great mercy and grace. Item I bequeathe to the blissed sacrament at Shirburne for my tithes forgotten xij<sup>d</sup>. The Resydewe of all my goodē, my dette paid and my fun<sup>al</sup>le, I gyve to Anne Fyxser my wiff, John Fyxser, Wiłm Fyxser, and Katheryn Fixser, my children, whome I maike jonctelie my holl executors. Wyttnesses, Anthonye Nelstroppe and Robert Burnand.—[*Proved 18 Febr., 1556-7, by the widow and son John. Grant reserved to William & Katherine, minors.*]

## RALPH FIELD, OF BEESTON.

(xv. j. 161 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxv<sup>ti</sup> daye of Novembre in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lord God a thowsande & fyve hunderithe fiftie and sex. I Rauff Feild, of Beistone, beinge of holl mynd and pfytt remembrance, makithe this my last will and testamente in maner and forme followinge. First I gyve and bequeathe my soull vnto Allmightie god, and my bodie to be buried within the pishe churchē yeard of sanct Peter in Ledes. Also I giue for my mortuarie as the lawe requirethe. Also I will that my goods shalbe devided in thre pties, one pte to myself, the secounde pte to my wiff, and the third pte to my children. And that Katheryne my wiff shall haue my farmehold to bringe vp my children w<sup>th</sup>all to they come to lawfull yeares of discreccion. And than I will that one of my children shall have my said Farmehold, the which of them as it shall best please my good maister to admitt it vnto. And I will that vpon the daye of my buriall ther shalbe v<sup>s</sup> delt in almes to the poore people. Also I gyve to the blissed sacrament at Ledes iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I gyve to the blissed sacrament at Battelay iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I gyve to eu<sup>y</sup> one of my god children ij<sup>d</sup>. Also I will that if it please god to call to his marcie any one of my children before they come to lawfull aige than I will that that parte of that childe or children so deceased shall remayne to the other. Also I gyve to jennett Boll and my s<sup>u</sup>nte ij<sup>s</sup>. The Rest of all my goodē not geven I gyve to Katheryne my wiff, Anne & Isabell my doughters and Thomas my sonne, whome I maike my full executors of this my last will and testament. Thes beinge wyttnesses, Henrye Chanler, clarke, Wiłm Gaile, Brian Bolland, Edward Bicroft, Robert Erle, and Robert Gaile, withe other.—[*Proved 18 Febr., 1556-7, by the widow. Grant reserved to the children.*]

## RICHARD PEARSON, OF LEEDS, BARBER.

(xv. j. 162 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the third daye of Decembre in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lord god a thowsand fyve hunderithe fiftie and fyve. I Richard

Peirson, of Lede in the countie of Yorke, barber, beinge of hooll mynd and of good and pfytt remembrance, thanke be to Allmightie god, maikethe this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. First I gyve my soull to Allmightie god my maker and Redemer, besechinge o<sup>r</sup> ladie sancte Marye and all the blissed companye of heaven to praye for me, and my bodie to be buried within my pishe church yeard of sanct Peter at Ledes. Also I gyve to the blissed sacrament for tithes and oblacons forgotten viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I gyve to James my brother a case of Rasers, a pare of Sysers, a combe and a whetstone therto belonginge. Also I gyve to my godson Lawraunce Wodd one Jackett newe dressed without lyninge. Also I gyve to Katheryn my doughter one duble counter. And the Residewe of all my goode vnbequest, my fun'all expences discharged, my dette paid, I gyve vnto Jennett my wiff and to Katheryne my doughter, whome I maike my full executrice of this my last will and testament. Also I maike Thomas Hardwycke, of Potter Newtone, esquier, and Richarde Boythe supervisors of this my last will, desiringe them of charitie to se yt fulfilled. Thes beinge wytnesses, Sir Xpofer Bradlaye, vicar of Ledes, Richard Sympson, Thomas Waidd, of Ledes, with others.—[*Proved 18 Feb., 1556-7, by the widow. Grant reserved to the daughter.*]

WILLIAM HODGSON, OF PONTEFRAC, ALDERMAN.

(xv. j. 168 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the x day of Octobre in the yere of our lord God m<sup>l</sup>cccclvj<sup>th</sup> and the first yere of the reigne of our sou'aigne Ladye Marye by the grace of god of England, France and Ireland Quene. I Wi<sup>thm</sup> Hodgeson, of Pomfrett, alderman, holl of mynd & perfect remembrance, dothe make this my last will & testament in this maner & forme followynge, first, I bequeath my soull to god almighty my redemer & saueyore, and my body to be buried in the churche yerde of all sancte at Pomfrett, nighe vnto the pillar of the southe syde of the procession dore. Also I gyve vnto Thomas Moy xx<sup>s</sup> if he either come or send for it. Also I giue to Effam my doughter in the name of her childe porcon vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue to the same Effam iij<sup>li</sup> vjs viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue to Henrye Hodgeson my son & heire iij<sup>li</sup>. Also I giue to Wi<sup>thm</sup> my son in the name of his porcon vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue to John my son in the name of his porcon vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue to Edmund my son in the name of his porcon vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I will that Isabell my wif shall haue a standyng cuppe during her lif and after her decesse it to remayne to my son Edmūde & his heires for euer. Also I will that John Skipton, of Pomfrett, alderman, and Antony Thornay, of heghton, shall haue v<sup>li</sup> to occupie for the behofe of Jenet my doughter, and she to be succored of the increse therof, and after her decesse it to remayne to Wi<sup>thm</sup>, John & Edmund my sones. Also I bequeath to John Huntynghden a violet Jacket. Also I bequeath to Nicholas Carlile a fustyan doblet, to John Bawge my violet hose. Also I giue to s<sup>r</sup> Wi<sup>thm</sup> Chambre my curate a quarter of wheate. Also I giue to eu'y on of my tenant at Kellyngton viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeathe to my son John base begotten my better fox furred gowne. The residewe of all my goode not bequest I will that they be all at the order of Edmonde my son, whom I make my holl executor. Also I will that Antony Thornay,



John Skepton, Ric. Wylbore, and John Hodgeson, of Pomfret, aldermen, shalbe the supvisors of this my will and eu'y on of them to haue for ther paynes takynge vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. In witnes herof, Nycolas Carlyll, John Bawge, Edward Rusby, and s<sup>r</sup> Wiłm Chamer, my curate.—[*Proved 3 Feb., 1556-7, by Henry Ellis, guardian of Edmund the son, a minor.*]

THOMAS HARDWICK, OF NEWLAY.

(xv. j. 175 b.)

In the name of god amen: the iiij day of September in the yere of our lord god m<sup>l</sup>cccclvj. I Thom's Hardwike, of the Newleythe w<sup>h</sup>in the townshippe of Horsefurth, being of holl mynd & of good & p<sup>r</sup>fecte remembrance, dothe make this my last will & testament in manner & forme hereafter followinge. First I giue & bequeath my soull to god almighty my maker & redemer, faithfully beseechinge o<sup>r</sup> blessed lady sancte Mary the blessed virgyn & all the celestiall company of heven to pray for me that I faithfully trusting in the merite of Christe passion may come to the euerlastinge joye of heven, & I will that my bodye be buried in the churche or churche yerd of sancte Oswald in Giesley. Also I giue to the blessed sacrament iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue to my syster Jenet Fisheburne xx<sup>s</sup> & one cove gaite in the nuñe rode or coppe rodde at Yedon during the yeres of my lease in the same. Also I giue to Eliz. my wif my lease of the psonage of Whitkirke whiche I bought of John Prestman to occupie, enyoye the same onely to her during her naturall life & after her decesse I giue it to Thomas Hardwyke my son & I giue to my said wif my lease of sletis. Also I giue to my said wif the third parte of all my lande. Also I giue to my son Wiłm Hardwyke all that my parte of the lease of the tythe of Ledę & Wodhus. Also I giue to the said Wiłm my son my cople or lease whiche I had of the late Abbott of Kirkstall & the covent of the same of all the lande lyenge in the feilde of Leide & Wodhus. Also I give to my said son Wiłm my lease whiche I haue of my m<sup>r</sup> s<sup>r</sup> Wiłm Vavaso<sup>r</sup>, knyght, of the balywike of Addingham, for certayne yeres yet not expired. And I will that Henry Herdwike, of Addingham, be his depute to suche tyme as he shall come to lafull aige & to levye & receyve all rentes & duties due vnto the said Sir Wiłm Vavaso<sup>r</sup> belonging to the said baylywyke & therof to make a true accompte & paymente as I hertofore haue done & discharge my said son Wiłm Hardwike for & cōcernynge the same & I will that the said Henry Herdwike shall haue for his paynes taking vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> yerly of the fee over and beside all such profette as he hath nowe yerly by me. Also I giue to my said son Wiłm Herdwike all my purchased lande, my wif third parte except. Also I giue Wiłm Herdwike my lease of Haukesworth whiche I had of Thomas Pepper. Also I giue to Thomas Herdwike my son in recompence for the said Haukesworth whiche he shold haue had one lease which I haue of Margret Jeffray then widowe of certayne lande lying w<sup>h</sup>in Leide & Wodhus & also my lease whiche I haue of Edward Vavaso<sup>r</sup> & Alice his wif of certayne lande lying w<sup>h</sup>in the said towns of Ledę & Wodhus yet not expired. Also I giue to the said Thomas my son my lease w<sup>h</sup> I haue of one ferhold in Yedon & on close called nonē rode. Also I giue to the said Thomas my son my lease which I haue of M<sup>r</sup> Wiłm Boyes pson of Gieslay, of the tythe corne of Rawdon. Provided always that the said Thomas my son shall

suffer Mr Stephen Paslewe to occupie & enioye the one half of the sayd tythe & to pay the one half of the rent yerlye according as he nowe doth & if the said Stephen Paslewe dye before the said lease be ended then I will that my said son Thomas shall enioye the holl lease. Also I giue to my said son Thomas my interest in lease w<sup>ch</sup> I bought of Laurence Baynes of the tythe corne & hey of Hocke, Hensall, Goldley & Baume. Provided alwaye that Eliz. my wif shall receyve the holl rente & pay the kinges rent out of the same & eu'y yere to reserve & kepe safe of the profette of the said lease viij<sup>li</sup> to the vse & profet of the said Thomas to he cōm at lauffull aige. Also I will that Eliz' my wif shall give to Myles Fisheburne yerly furthe of the profette of the lease of the psonage of Whitkirke the some of v<sup>s</sup> during suche tyme as she shall enioye the same & after the decesse of my said wif I will that Thomas my son shall pay the said some of v<sup>s</sup> to the said Myles so longe as he shall enioye the said lease of the said psonage. Also I will that Wiłm my son shall pay also to the said Myles Fisheburne yerly the some of v<sup>s</sup> out of the profette of my lande duringe the lif of the said Myles. Also I giue to Richerd Pollerde my son in lawe my best cote & one whie. Also I giue to George Pollerd my son in lawe my doblet of tawney satten & on whie, and I giue also to John Pollerd my son in lawe on yong gray amblinge nagge. Also I giue to my servant Roger Saxton my cople which I haue of Margret Jeffray than widowe of the third pte of my [sic] at Wodhus & further I giue to the said Roger my copie which I haue of Thomas Stable of thre rode of land lying in on close called Newlande. Also I giue to Jenet Candeler my servante x<sup>s</sup>. Also I giue to euery on of my servante beyng here at the daye of my detthe on quarter wages ou' & beside that which is there is then due to them. Also I giue to Isabell Fisheburne iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue to Gilbert Saxton iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue to Jenet Saxton iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue to Agnes Moore iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue to Thomas Crosbye my godson one sylu' spoyn & on crowne in gold. Also I giue to Ric' Boythe yonger on silu' spone. Also I giue to Thomas Grene my godson xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue to eu'y one of my god children beyng on lyve iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I make Eliz' my wif my holl executrix of this my will & testament & I will that my holl goode be divided in iij partes, wherof on parte therof my wif to haue & a nother parte to my ij children Wiłm & Thomas Hardwike equally to be diuided betwixt them according to the lawes of this Realme & the third parte to pay my legacies & to make my funerall expenses, & after I giue to my said wif the one half of the goode of my part then not expended & the other half of the said goode of my part I giue to my soñes Wiłm & Thomas & I will that if either of my said soñes dye before they come to lawfull aige that then the other of them beyng on lyve shall haue his part and porcion of suche goode & other thinge as to him is giuen by this my will. Also I will that my cosyn<sup>1</sup> Thomas Hardwike, of Potternewton, gent', haue the custody & bringing vp of my son Wiłm Hardwike during his nonage w<sup>t</sup> suche porcions of goode, lande & fermes as to him is giuen by this my will, requiryng hym to bryng my said son vp in lernyng and vertuose lyving w<sup>t</sup> suche yerely profettes as to him is giuen by this will or w<sup>t</sup> so moche therof as shall suffise for the same & the rest therof to imploye

(1) His will is printed *post*, p. 110.

to the vse of my said son Wiłm at his discretion & also I will that Eliz' my wif shall haue the bringing vp of my son Thomas Hardwike & to haue his parte & porcion of his goode & fermes to him giuen by this my will during his nonage & the said Thomas my son to be guyded & ordred by the good aduyse & counsell of my said cosyn Thomas Herdwike, of Potternewton, gent'. Also I make my said cosyn Thomas Hardwyke & M<sup>r</sup> Boyes, pson of Gieslay, supvisors of this my last will & testament & they to se the same executed in eu'ye behalf as my trist is in them for the same & I giue to either of them x<sup>s</sup> for ther paynes takinge therin. Also I giue to Eliz' my wif & to Ric' Pollerd my son in lawe all my wayne geare as waynes, cowpes, plowes, yokes, temes & suche like beyng here & all maner of tymber therto belonginge. Thes beyng witnesses, Thomas Herdwike, gent., Sr Xpofer Mydgeley, clerke, and Thomas Ranson, withe others.—  
[*Proved 18 Dec., 1556.*]

WILLIAM SOWERBY, OF EAST RIGTON, LABOURER.

(xv. j. 176 a.)

In the name of God amen: the ix daye of Octobre, anno D'ni cccclvj. I Wiłm Sowrby, of Estrigton in the county of Yorke, laborer, seke in body & of good remembrance, maketh this my last will & testament in maner & forme followinge. First I giue my soull vnto God Almighty, vnto our lady sancte Mary, & vnto the celestiaall companye in heven, & my body to be buried in my pishe churche yerd of all sancte at Berdsay. Also vnto Thomas Wautr' my son in lawe & Eliz' his wif v yewes. Also I giue vnto John Atkinson & his wif ij yewes. Also I giue vnto my doughter Sibell Sourbye one cowe. Also I giue vnto Mundans my wif the lease of fermhold during her lif naturall & after her decesse that my doughter Katheryn shall haue the forsaid lease of my fermhold. The residewe of all my goode vnbequest, my dettes paid & funerall expens' discharged, I giue vnto Mundans my wif whom I make my full executrix of this my last will and testament. Thes beyng witnes, John Brereclif and Nicolas Rowley.—[*Proved 18 Dec., 1556.*]

DAME ANNE CALVERLEY, OF MILN GREEN, LEEDS.<sup>1</sup>

(xv. j. 191 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the last day of December in the year of our lord god m<sup>l</sup>ccclvj. I Dame Anne Calu'ley, of Mylnegrene in the pishe of Ledç, of holl mynd & good remembrance, makith my will & testament in maner & forme following. First I giue & bequeth my soull vnto Almighty God my maker & redemer, & my body to be buried w'in my pishe church of sancte Peters at Ledç. And I will that my dettç shall be paid of my holl goodç. Also I giue vnto the blessed sacrament to anournamentç therof iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue & bequeth vnto m<sup>r</sup> xpofer Hopton lx wethers vnto the helpe & mariage of his daughters. Also I giue & bequeth vnto my sister Eliz' Vavaso<sup>r</sup> x<sup>li</sup>. Also I giue vnto Sr Wiłm Caluerley, knyght, a ring of golde w<sup>t</sup> a grene stone. Also I giue vnto Gilbert Calu'ley a crosse of gold. Also I giue vnto M<sup>r</sup> Wiłm Vavaso<sup>r</sup>,

(1) Second wife of Sir Walter Calverley and daughter of John Vavasour, of Weston. See *Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire*, ed. Clay, vol. i, p. 245.

of Weston, a girdell & a crosse of gold. Also I giue vnto M<sup>r</sup> Xpofer Hopton a paire of beidē w<sup>t</sup> gold gaudyes & a silu<sup>r</sup> coppe gilded. Also I giue vnto M<sup>r</sup> John Hopton a sylu<sup>r</sup> salt & iiij sylu<sup>r</sup> spones. Also I giue vnto Rob<sup>t</sup>e Vavaso<sup>r</sup> my brother xl<sup>s</sup>. Also I giue vnto my brother Marmaduke Vavaso<sup>r</sup> my weddyng ring. Also I giue vnto Edward Danby a quite goblet of sylu<sup>r</sup> & a flat ring of gold. Also I giue vnto Roger Danbye xl<sup>s</sup>. Also I giue vnto Marie Vavaso<sup>r</sup> v<sup>li</sup>. Also I giue vnto Brigitt Walworth vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue vnto my sister Eliz<sup>i</sup> Vavaso<sup>r</sup> a peice of black puke clothe. Also I giue vnto my sister Cicilie Calu<sup>l</sup>ey a gowne of blacke chamlet, a worset kirtle & a cowe & a calf. Also I giue vnto Brigitt Walworthe a gowne of worset & a kirtle of white silke w<sup>t</sup> sleeves & all that belongeth vnto it. Also I giue vnto thanournament of the churche vjs viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue vnto the high ways xx<sup>s</sup>. Also I giue vnto Wi<sup>l</sup>hm Vavaso<sup>r</sup> xx<sup>s</sup>. Also I giue vnto John Vavaso<sup>r</sup> xx<sup>s</sup>. Also I giue vnto Laurence Ferro vjs viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue vnto Thomas Beane a cowe. Also I giue vnto James Bartlot a cowe. Also I giue vnto Thomas Atkinson a cowe. Also I giue vnto my serunte Gilbert Spence a cowe. Also I giue vnto Cicilye Fawcet a blacke quye. Also I giue vnto Alyce my servant a red quye. Also I giue vnto my s<sup>u</sup>nte the mylner a quye stirke. Also I giue vnto Margaret Adamson a quye stirke. Also I giue vnto Ric<sup>h</sup> Leigh iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue vnto George Sedall iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue vnto Ric<sup>h</sup> Mylner iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue vnto John Thornton my godson ij<sup>s</sup>. Also I giue vnto John Musgrave son, of Writley, my godson, ij<sup>s</sup>. Also I giue vnto John Mosse iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue vnto Sr Ric<sup>h</sup> Beckew<sup>t</sup>, clerke, vjs viij<sup>d</sup>. The Rest of all my goode vnbequested, I honestly brought furthe & my dette paid, I giue vnto M<sup>r</sup> Xpofer Hopton my son in lawe & M<sup>r</sup> Marmaduke Vavaso<sup>r</sup> my brother to order & dispose as they thinke most neidfull to my poore freynde that neideth most, whom I make my full executors of this my last will & testament. Thies being witness, Xpofer Bradley, vicar of Ledē, Ric. Leigh, George Sedall, w<sup>t</sup> others.—[*Proved 6 April, 1557.*] \_\_\_\_\_

# ROBERT BRADFORD, OF MORLEY.

(xv. j. 103 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xvij<sup>th</sup> day of Auguste in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord God m<sup>c</sup>cccc<sup>th</sup>lvj. I Robert Bradforthe, of Morlay in the pishe of Batley, of hooll mynd and good remēbrance, maikithe my last will and testamente in manner and forme followinge. First and principall I gyve and bequeathe my soull to God almightie, to oure ladie sanete Marie, and all the holie companye of heaven, and my bodie to be buried in the churche of Batlay or ells where in Christen man's buriall. I gyve and bequeathe to Elynor Strynger and Katheryne Strynger, daughters of Roger Strynger, to either of theme iiij<sup>li</sup>, and that my executors to kepe theme to the aige of xxj yeres. Item I gyve and bequeathe vnto Dorothe my basterd doughter iiij<sup>li</sup> to be paid to her by myne executors at her aige of xvij yeres. Itm. I gyve vnto Alice Backhouse my sister x<sup>s</sup>. And also to Elisabethe Burnell my suster [*blank*]. Item I gyve vnto William Bradforthe my brother x<sup>s</sup>. Also I gyve and bequeathe vnto eu<sup>e</sup>ye one whiche I am godfather to beyng alive at my death vj<sup>d</sup>. Itm I orden & maike Dorothee my wif and Katherine my doughter nowe wif of Thomas

Clerkson, my full executrixes for to dispose the Residue of my goodes whiche in this my will ys not gyven then bequeathed by there discreçone for the health of my soull. Item I orden & maike M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wentworthe my maister and Henry Batt, of Birstall, supvisors of this my last will and testamente desieringe theme to se the same perfurnyd & executed accordinglie. And I gyve and bequeathe to the said Thomas Wentworth my m<sup>r</sup> xij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> and a great brasse pott. And I gyve to the said Henrie Batt x<sup>s</sup> for there payns takinge in seynge the execuçon of the same. Item I gyve and bequeathe vnto the said Dorothe my wif my lease of the Newefeld with all other landes comprysed in the said lease duryng all suche yeres as I have in the same if she kepe her widowe & sole vnmarried, and if she happen to be married then I will that imediatlie after her mariage the said lease to be & remayne vnto the said Katheryne my doughter. And also I gyve vnto the said Dorothe my wif my leases of the Smythe flatte and Sanderson flatte in like wise if she kepe her sole and vnmarried. And if she happen to be married then the same leases immediatlie after her marriage I will shall remayne to the said Katheryne my doughter duringe all suche yeres as shall then be to spende in the same. Thes beinge witnesses, John Otte, William Clerkson, John Webster, Nicholas Burnell, and other. Also I giue and bequeathe vnto Isabell Ellys my sister vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Item I gyve and bequeathe vnto Maud Otte my suster ij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I gyve and bequeathe vnto Margarete Bakhowse vj<sup>s</sup>. Also I gyve and bequeathe vnto Saunder my s'uand xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I gyve vnto Richard my s'uand ij<sup>s</sup>. Also I gyve and bequeathe vnto Richard Bakhouse iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I gyve vnto M'garete Clerkson xx<sup>s</sup>. I will that Thomas Clerkson shall have the custodie of the iiij<sup>li</sup> that I have bequeste to Elynore Strynger, And John Ottes shall have the custodie of the other iiij<sup>li</sup> bequeathed to Katherine Strynger her suster vnto they come to lawfull aige or redie to be married. Thes witnes, John Ottes, William Clerksone, and Nicholas Burnell, with other moo.—[*Proved 25 Dec., 1556.*]

WILLIAM LOVEDAY, OF FERRYBRIDGE.

(xv. j. 193 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xvij<sup>th</sup> day of Maie in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord god m<sup>l</sup>cccc<sup>th</sup>lvj. I William Loveday, of Ferrybrige, hooll of mynd and pfite of remembrance, maikē this my last will and testamente in maner and forme as hereafter followith. First I comende my soull into the hande of God Almightye, to oure ladie sancte Marie, & to all the holie companye in heaven, and my bodie to be buried in the churcheyerde of Al-hallowes in Pontefract. Item I gyve to the hye Altare for tithes forgotten xij<sup>d</sup>. Item I gyve to Edie my doughter towe yewes and too lambes and a quarter of barlie when it comes of the grounde. Item I gyve to Richard Snyderall one yowe and one lambe and one quarter barlie. Item I gyve to Nicholas Ellote one yewe lambe. Item I gyve to William Skelton one white horse that he hays nowe in his custodie. Item I giue to Rawl Lovedaye, of Ledstone, my father, my best Russell dublett. Item I gyve to William Banke my best gray jakkett. Item I gyve to William Fox my godsonne one yewe lambe, and to eu'ye one of my god children ij<sup>d</sup>. Item I gyve to Agnes my wif my gray stagge. Item I gyve to Agnes Byrkyshawe my s'unte viij<sup>d</sup>. Item I gyve to Robert Loveday, of

Ledstonne, my saye dublett. My dette paid, my fun'all expenses maid, not bequest I gyve [the residue] to Agnes my wif, Jenet my doughter, and Edie my doughter, whome I maike my hooll executrices for to dispose for my soull as they shall seyme beste. And vppon this my laste will I do make and ordenne to be the supvisors of this my will Richard Bubwithe, Rawfe Loveday and Richard Croft, and eu'ye of theme to haue for there payns ijs a peice. Thes beinge witnesses, Rawffe Loveday, Chřofer Cootte, Richard Bubwith, Robert Lighton & Richard Crosse.—[*Proved 16 Dec., 1556, by the widow. Grant reserved to the daughters, minors.*]

MILES LONGBOTTOM, OF ROTHWELL.

(xv. j. 194 b.)

In the name of God Amen: vj<sup>th</sup> day of October in the yere of oure lord God m<sup>d</sup>lvjth. I myles Longbothome, of the Roodę within the pishe of Rothewell, of hooll mynde and pñte remembrance, maikę this my last will and testament after this maner & forme folowinge. Firste I bequeathe my soull to God Almightye and to oure ladie sancte Marie and to all the celestially companye in heaven, my bodie to be buried within the churche yerde of Rothwell. I bequeathe to the blissed sacramente xij<sup>d</sup>, And to the mending of the hye way betwixt my howse and the churche xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeathe to Agnes my wif & Robert my sonne iiij oxen, iiij stotte, iiij kye, and a meare. Item I bequeathe to Wiłm Longbothom my sonne xx<sup>s</sup> in full contentaçon of his pte. I bequeathe to Gilbert Longbothom my sonne xx<sup>s</sup> in full contentaçoone of his parte. I bequeathe to Vmfray Longbothome xx<sup>s</sup> in full contentaçon of his pte. Item to eu'ye one of my childer children one ewe lambe. I bequeathe to Katheryne Buktrowte one whye calf. I bequeath my howse wherin I now do dwell with all the grounde therevnto belonginge as I have yt at this presente day to Agnes my wif & Robert my sonne. I bequeathe to Gilbert Longbothome, son of Vmfray Longbothome, that he shalbe founde meate, drynke, and clothe at my howse to he come to the aige of xij yeres. And I desier Robert Buktrowte my sonne in lawe to be supvisor of this my last will and testamente, and to se that my wif and children agree so moche as in him shall lie. The Rest of all my goods not bequeathed, my dette paid & my funerall expenses maid, I give and bequeathe to Agnes my wif and Robert my sonne, whome I maike my lawfull executors. Thes beinge witnes, John Savell, gentleman, and Thomas Byrkynshay, with other moo.—[*Proved 16 Dec., 1556.*]

THOMAS CAVE, OF BURLEY.

(xv. j. 195 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xvj<sup>th</sup> day of March, Anno d'ni m<sup>l</sup>lmo quĩgen<sup>mo</sup> lv<sup>to</sup> secundũ computaçonem eccłie Anglicane. I Thomas Cave, of Burley within the pishinge of Otley, beinge of hooll mynde & good memorie, maikithe this my last will and testamente in maner and forme folowinge. First I gyve and bequeathe my soull to almighty god my maker and my Redemer, and my bodie to be buried within the pishe churche yerde of Otley. Also I will that my goodes shalbe devided in thre pte according to the lawe, the firste parte to my self, the secunde parte to my wif, the third pte to my thre childern, that ys to say, John,

Alis, and Agnes. Also I will that my wif and her pte of my goodes shall remaine with John my sonne enduringe her lif naturall. Itm. I give and bequeath to Thomas Cave all thinge pteynynge bothe to husbandrie, wayne, and plowghe. Also I give and bequeathe to too children of John Shackerd's to either of theme v<sup>s</sup>. It'm the Residewe of all my goodes I honestlie brought furthe, my dette paid and legacies fulfilled, I giue and bequeathe theme hoolie to John my sonne and to Alis and Agnes my daughters, whome I orden and maiketh my full and lawfull executors. Thes beinge witnes, Chñofer Thomson, Thomas Smythe, Richard Thackwro, George Jackson, Robert Wrase, with other moo.—[*Proved 26 Dec., 1556.*]

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ROBERT HALLILEY, OF SAXTON.

(xv. j. 195 b.)

In Dei nōie amen: the eight day of October in the yere of our lord god a thowsande fyve hundrethe fiftie and sex. I Robert Halile, hoolie of mynd and of good memorie, thanke be given to god, ordeyns and maiketh my will and testamente in maner and forme folowing. Firste I gyve and wit my soull to God Almightye, to o<sup>r</sup> blessed ladie sanct Marie, and to all the Celestiall companye of heaven, and my bodie to be buried within the pishe churche of Saxton. It'm I giue to the hye altare xij<sup>d</sup>. Itm. to Anthony Halile my sonne xl<sup>s</sup>. Item to the said Anthonye my best Jacket and a dublet. It'm I bequeathe to Robert Halile my sonne a litle masser topped w<sup>th</sup> silver with the Rest of my Rayment excepte my best gowne. It'm to eu'ye one of my god children iij<sup>d</sup>. It'm to Robert Wilton iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I bequeathe to eu'ye one of my sonnes and dowghters children eu'y one of theme too shepe and to thos whiche is my god children eu'y of theme thre sheipe. It'm I bequeathe to Sir William Cowper iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I bequeath to John Halile my son a bownd wayne and too oxen. It'm I bequeathe to Jane my doughter a cowe. It'm I bequeathe to Robert Halile sonne of Anthonye Halile a felie foole. It'm I bequeathe to John Halile son of Thomas Halile, a quarter of barlie to be deliuered in the next yere after my deathe. It'm I bequeath vnto Agnes Burton too shepe. It'm I bequethe to Isabell Newbie, Agnes Rawson, and Alice Laicok, my doughters, eu'ye one of theme a yong stirke in the Sower close. It'm I bequethe to William Newbie xl<sup>s</sup> wherof xx<sup>s</sup> is in his hande, and to Isabell Newbie his wif a pare of Corall beede after the deceese of my wif. It'm I give to Robert Rawson xx<sup>s</sup>. It'm I giue to Raycoke xx<sup>s</sup>. It'm I bequeathe to William Halile wif and Anthonye wif either of theme a yonge stirke. It'm I giue to Isabell my wife one free messuage buylded in Southe Mylford and one acree of free land lyenge in the West feild there nowe in the tenure and occupaçon of one Edward Watsons duryng the lif naturall of the said Isabell and after her deceasse to remane to Jane Halile my doughter and to the heiers of her bodie lawfullie begotten, and for defalte of such issheue to remayne to the heires of Anthonye Halile my son for ever. It'm I giue to Isabell my wif all my frehold land lyenge within the towne feildes and territories of Lumbye late one Thomas Turpyns to have to her duringe her lif and after her decease to Andrew Halile my son and his heires for eu'. It'm I giue to Isabell my wif one free

messuage in South mylford afforesaid in the tenure of one John Crowe, and one dovehowse and one garthe called the chappell garthe in the tenor of Richard Halile laitle purchased of William Hamond, Esquier, to have to her duryng her lif. And after her deceesse to remane to Anthony Halile my sonne and his heires for ever. And whereas I am indetted and bounde by coveñte and dedes obligatone to content and pay or cause to be contentid and paid vnto my brother John Halile, esquier, for the purchase of certane landes lyeng in Beswycke in the Countie of Yorke, sold and grantid by the said John vnto me the said Robert Halilee and John my sonne and his heieres for ever as by certen deide thereof maid more playnlie apperethe the soñe of Cxlj<sup>li</sup> xvj<sup>s</sup> of lawfull englishe money whereof ys paid vnto my said brother xxvij<sup>li</sup> as by the same deide will appere and xxx<sup>li</sup> lente vnto Marmaduke Fawke, gentleman, vpon one obligaçon and so ys yet remaynyng in my handes vnpaid to my saide brother for the saide lande in Beswicke the soñe of xxiiij<sup>li</sup> xvj<sup>s</sup>, Residue of the said soñe of Cxlj<sup>li</sup> xvj<sup>s</sup>. Therefore I the said Robert Halile doith giue and bequethe vnto John Halile my said sonne aswell all my intreste of the said land in Beswicke as all the said soñe of Cxlj<sup>li</sup> xvj<sup>s</sup> and he to pay all the Residewe of the said soñe yet vnpaid to my said brother accordinge to my said coveñte and bargane yf he may have and enyoie the said lande in Beswicke to him and his heiers for eu'. And if not I gyve him frelie all the said soñe of Cxlj<sup>li</sup> xvj<sup>s</sup> aswell that whiche ys alredye paid to my said brother John as also all the reste thereof yet vnpaid to be taken and maid of all my goodes moveable and vnmovable to bye him other lande withall over and beside his legacies whiche I have alredie gyven him by this my said will. And also I give him iiij<sup>li</sup> to sewe furthe one Licence of Alienaçons withall. Itm. I gyve vnto my said sonne John Halile my wood knyfe. Itm. I gyfe to Isabell my wif too acres a rode and a half of arrable lande and medowe lyenge within iij seu'all feilde of Shereburn laitle bought of William Barton and Isabell his wif to have to her duryng her lif. And after [her] deceese to remayne to Robert Halile my sonne and his heiers for ever. Item I giue to Isabell my wif a blake gowne and to eu'ye of my sonnes and sonnes in lawe a blake cote of vj<sup>s</sup> the yerde to be worne the day of my buriall. Also I will there be too torches burnyng affore me to the churche the same daye, and too poore men to beere theme of the whiche Fraunce Newbye to be one and the other to be taken by the discretion of my wif and children, and either of theme to have a blake gowne. Itm. I give to John Halile, Esquier, my brother, for a remembrance, one old Ryall of gold, trustinge he wilbe contentid with the same as thowghe yt were a greater valowe, hertelie desieringe him to contynewe his goodnes and be good maister vnto my children, and one old Angell also. The Residewe of all my goodes vnbequest, my dettes and legacies paid and well & trewlie pformyd, I gyve and wil to Isabell my wif, John and Robert Halile my sonnes and Jane my doughter, whome I orden and maike my full executors of this my last will and testamente for to bringe me furthe honestlie and dispose for the healthe of my soull at there discreçons. And also I maike Supvisors of this my will, William Newbye, gentleman, Robert Rawson, Anthony Halile, and Richard Laicocke, to se that althinge herein be well and trewlie pformyd accordinge to the trewe intente hereof. And also I the said



Robert Halile by this my present will and testamente will make declaracō of what goodes and cattels my sonne William Halile haith had of my gifte aswell before marcedge at marriedge as sence in the nayme of his childe porcōn. Firste I did geve him the occupacion of one fermehold with certene lande, medowe, and pasture therevnto belonging, sett, lyeng & beyng within the towne Feilde and territories of Mylford for my goodwill whereof I might have had at that tyme xx<sup>li</sup>. And he had also the said fermehold well stored, that ys to saye, with sex oxen, one Iron bounde wayne with yocke and teemys therevnto belonging, harrowes, iiij horses, ij kyne, v scoore sheipe, ij swyne, croppe in the laithe and croppe in the feilde to the valowe of xl<sup>li</sup>, whiche did amounte all togethers to the sōme of lx<sup>li</sup>. All whiche fermehold and goodes I did gyve hym at that tyme in the name, recompence, and satisfacōne of his hooll childe porcōn and therewith I will he shall be contented. Thes beyng witnesses of this my said last will and testamente, William Cowper, curate, Robert Danyell, John Smythe, and Robert Skelton, cū alijs.—*[Proved 16 Dec., 1556.]*

WILLIAM HUDSON, OF KNOTTINGLEY.

(xv. j. 199 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord god m<sup>l</sup>cccc<sup>th</sup>lvj<sup>th</sup>, the xxj<sup>th</sup> day of October. I William Hudson, of Knottyngeley, hole of mynde and of p<sup>r</sup>ite and of goode remembrance, doith maiketh this my last will and testamente in this maner & forme followinge. First I cōmēd my soull vnto God Almightye my maker and Redemer, and my bodye to be buried in the churchyard in Pontefract. Itm I giue and bequeathe to Richard my son a plowghe w<sup>th</sup> a yron shakill and a newe coulter and a share and ij ewes and ij lambes and a paire of harrowes. Itm. I gyve to Agnes my doughter a blake whie w<sup>th</sup> a bald head. Itm. I gyve to Thomas Pynder wif of Norton in Campsall pishe one wyndle of barlie. Itm. I gyve vj<sup>d</sup> to maister Vicar. Itm. I gyve to the chappell in Knottinglay vj<sup>d</sup>. Itm. I gyve and bequeath to Elsabethe my wif and to Richard my son and to Agnes my doughter all my leaces and lande duryng the terme & termes of my yeres. The rest of all my goode not legate nor bequethed I give frelie to Elisabeth my wif and to Richard my son & Agnes my doughter, whome I maiketh my full executors to have to there owne vses. Itm. I will that Wi<sup>l</sup>hm Eu<sup>i</sup>ng<sup>h</sup>m shalbe the Supvisor of this my last will and testamente for to se that yt be fulfilled. Witnesses hereof, John Scolay, John Bolton, John Hunttyngton, w<sup>th</sup> other moo.—*[Proved 22 March, 1556-7, by the widow. Grant reserved to the children, minors.]*

GEORGE HOBSON, OF STANLEY.

(xv. j. 200 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xxj day of December in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord god m<sup>l</sup>dlvj<sup>th</sup>. I George Hobson, of Staynley within the pishe of Wakefeld, seeke in bodie & hooll of mynde and gud remembrance, maikith this my last will and testamente in maner and forme followinge. First I gyve and bequeathe my soull to God Almightye my Sayvor and Redemer, to oure ladie sanct Marye virgyne, and to all the celestiall companye in heaven, and my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of Wakefeld. As

for all my guddes and dette moveable and vnmoeable that I have or may have I gyve and bequeathe theme hoollie vnto Elsabethe Hobsone my wif, whome I maike and ordenne to be my full and onelie executrix, she to pay my dette and dispose for my soull as my truste is in her. Thes beyng witness, S<sup>r</sup> James Brodebente, my curate, William Hobson, Thomas Thirkilbye, Robert Hesam & Wiłm Addamson, with other moo.—[*Proved* 12 March, 1556-7.]

JOHN WRIGHT, OF LOTHERTON.

(xv. j. 204 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xiiij day of Aprile in the yere of our lord god m<sup>l</sup>ccccclvj. I John Wright, of Lotherton within the pishe of Sherborne, holl of mynd & of good memorie (lawde be to God), makithe my last will & testamente in maner & forme followinge. First I giue & bequeth my soull to Almighty God, to our blessed ladye sancte Marie, & to all the celestiall Companye of heven, & my body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the pishe Churchē yerde of all sancte in Sherborne. It' I giue & bequeth to the vicar of Sherborne to pray for me xij<sup>d</sup>. It' I giue to s<sup>r</sup> Robert Blanche viij<sup>d</sup>. It' I giue to s<sup>r</sup> Robert Taylyo<sup>r</sup> ij<sup>s</sup>. It'm I giue to Agnes my wif all my interest & righte that I haue of my fermhold in Lotherton. It'm to Xpofer Wright one yowe & one lambe. It' I giue to John Wright the son of Thomas Wryghte one yowe & a lambe. The Residewe of all my goodes vnbequest, my dette paid & legacies & my body honestly brought furthe, I giue to Agnes my wif, Thomas Wright & Wilfride my sonnes, whom I make & ordeyne myne executors of this my last will & testament. In witnes hereof, S<sup>r</sup> Robert Blanche, curate, Lawrence Sysson, John Sysson & John Clellowe, with other.—[*Proved* 7 Apl., 1557.]

ALICE STANSFIELD, OF OTLEY.

(xv. j. 204 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the viij day of Marche in the yere of our lord god m<sup>l</sup>ccccclvj. I Alice Stansfeld, of Otlay in the countie of Yorke, wydowe, holl of mynde & of good & pfecte remembrance, maketh this my last will & testamente in maner and forme followinge. First I bequeth my soull to the mercie of my Redemer Ih<sup>u</sup>s Christe, & my bodie to be buried in the Churchē yerd of Otlay aforesaid. Also I will that ij torches be provided by myne executors & be light in the tyme of the leuacōn of the sacrament at masse after my decesse. It' I will that eu'y of the Children of Thomas Dade & Thomas Smythe shall haue in money & in valor x<sup>s</sup> a peice. It' I will that xx<sup>s</sup> be giuen to the poore people of Otlay. It' I will that at my buriall a dirige & a masse be songe. It' I will that at my buriall ther be an honest dyñer by myne executors & supvisors for my neighbours & freynde ther being present. It' I will that s<sup>r</sup> Xpofer Waid shall haue vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> for to saye certen masses for my husband soull & myne. Also I giue to Xpofer my son my best syluer spone & to Nycolas Dade & Jenet Smyth either of them a syluer spone & to the said Xpofer my son ij arke & an ambrye. Also I will that the said Xpofer shall haue & occupie all my pte of grounde in Calostede so longe as I haue right therein payng therfor yerly to Alis Dade ij<sup>s</sup> by yere. Also I giue to Jenet Smyth and Alice Dade all my houshold goodē w<sup>th</sup>in the house. It'

I giue my Rayme'te & naprieware to be devided betwixt Agnes & Margret my doughters. It' I giue to Otte wif a peticote. It' to Besse Barker a cote doble lyned. It' I giue to Xpofer my son l<sup>s</sup> owing by John Dyeconson. It' I giue to John Dade & Anthony Smyth either of them vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue to s<sup>r</sup> Anthony Jakson my Curate iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup> to pray for me. Also I make Xpofer my son, Thomas Dade & Thomas Smyth myne Executors of this my last will & testamente. And I desire S<sup>r</sup> Xpofer Waid & John Dyeconson to be supvisors of this my last will & they to haue either of them x<sup>s</sup> for ther paynes takinge, desiring them of their good Counsell to myne executors. His testibus, Antonio Jakson, cl<sup>ico</sup>, Xpofero Waid, cl<sup>ico</sup>, Johne Dyeconson et Thoma Smythe.—[*Proved 7 April, 1557.*]

ELIZABETH COOK ALIAS ATKINSON, OF ADEL.

(xx. j. 204 a.)

In the name of God amen: the second day of M'che in the yere of our lord god m<sup>l</sup>ccccelvj. I Elisabeth Cooke als Atkynson, of the pishe of Addle, holl of mynde & pfecte of memorye (thanke he to almighty God), ordeyn & make this my last will & testament in maner and forme following. First I bequeath my soull to Almighty god, to the gloriose and blessed virgyn sancte Marie, & to all the blessed sancte in heven, & my body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the Churche yerd of sancte John baptiste at Addle. It' I bequeth to the high altare xij<sup>d</sup> for my negligent tithes. It' I giue to Thomas Bradforth my son in lawe on branded Cowe. It' to my doughter Agnes, his wif, on blake cowe & on sylu' spone & to them both my tacke of lyname & allandley closes during the terme of my yeres. It' I giue & bequethe to Thomas Bradforth the elder son to Thomas Bradforthe aforsaid on blacke whit headed cowe & j sylu' spone. It' I bequeth to Thomas Bradforth the younger brother son to the aforsaid Thomas the tacke of my fermhold in Addle during the yeres, on blacke cowe w<sup>l</sup> cutt hornes, j counter, j presse, j ambrye, j gret arke, j sylu' spone. It' I giue vnto the doughter of Thomas Bradforth aforsaid on blacke quye, on sylu' spone, & if it fortune any of the said yong childer to dye vnder lawfull yeres of aige then I will that ther part or partes of this legacie remayn to the other yong children w<sup>th</sup>in named. It' I giue to Isabell Speight my god doughter on ewe shepe. It' I giue & bequeth to Henrye Symson my god son on ewe shepe. It' I giue to Thomas Brigge thre shepe, on brasse pot, on pewder platter, on pewter disshe. It' I bequeth to Margret Scruton for her payns taken in all the tyme of my sekenes ij ewe shepe, on brasse pott, on pewter platter & on pewder dishe. It' I will that Thomas Bradforth thelder of the two children aboue mencioned shall haue my cowe w<sup>l</sup> the one half of thencreasee whiche I did lett to on Robert Pikryng of Chappel toun, from the feast of thinvencon of the crosse called sancte Ellen's day whiche was in the yere of our lord god m<sup>l</sup>cccccliij to th'ende of thre yeres than next following. It' I bequeath to Thomas Brigge my servant aforsaid on red quye stirke of a yere old & vpward. It' I giue to my brother s<sup>r</sup> Wi<sup>thm</sup> Roger on whitheaded quye great w<sup>l</sup> calf. Also I will that the said s<sup>r</sup> Wi<sup>thm</sup> my brother haue the lettyng & thorder of the forsaid fermhold to the bringing vp of the said Thomas Bradfurthe the younger and to his vse or els the assignes of the said s<sup>r</sup> Wi<sup>thm</sup> Roger to the vse of the said Thomas Bradfurth the yonger. It' I giue to Dorothee

Browne on ewe sheipe. It I giue to Eliz<sup>e</sup> Redeall on ewe sheipe. The Residewe of all my goode not bequethed, my dette payd, my legacies pformed & my fun<sup>e</sup>all expens<sup>e</sup> discharged, I giue to my brother s<sup>r</sup> William Roger aforsaid, whom I maike my full and lawfull executor of this my last will & testament to se it truly executed & fulfilled. Recorde of my will & testament, Thomas Browne, Robert Speight, Robert Ward, and Adam Speight, w<sup>th</sup> other mo.—[*Proved 7 April, 1557.*]

JOHN SMITH ALIAS SCOTT, OF SAXTON.

(xv. j. 204 b.)

In the name of God amen: the xiiij day of January in the yere of our lord god m<sup>l</sup>.ccccclvj. I John Smyth, of Saxton, als Skott, holl of mynd & of good memorie (loved be god), ordans & makith my last will & testament in maner & forme following. First I giue & wytt my soull to almighty god, to our blessed Lady his mother, sancte Marie, & to all the celestiaall company of heven, & my body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the pishe Churche yerd of Saxton. It I bequeth to the high alter xij<sup>d</sup>. It I bequeth to the Churche worke of the said Saxton xij<sup>d</sup>. It I bequeth to Thomas Scott my brother a quarter of barlye to be delyvered in the nexte yere after this. It I bequeth to Leonard my son a bond wayne & a yocke of oxen. It I bequeth to Anne my doughter a Cowe & x young sheipe. It I bequeth to Alice Shippyn xx<sup>s</sup>. It I bequeth to s<sup>r</sup> Wi<sup>th</sup>m Cowp iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. It I giue & bequeth to Margaret my wif all my land in Saxton lately purchased of Wi<sup>th</sup>m Hungate, Esquyer, during her naturall lif & after her decesse I will that the said lande shalbe equallie dyvided betwene Leon<sup>e</sup> my son & Anne my doughter & to ther heires for eu<sup>r</sup>. It I bequeth to eu<sup>r</sup>y on of my god childer a yong lambe. The residewe of all my goode vnbequest, my dette paid & this my last will & testament well & truly pformed accordyng vnto the trewe entent herof, I giue & will to Margaret my wif, Leonard my son & Anne my doughter, whom I ordayn & make my full executors of this my last will & testament for to bring me furth honestly & dispose for the helthe of my soull after ther discrecons. In witnes wherof, Wi<sup>th</sup>m Cowp, curate, Wi<sup>th</sup>m Lacoche & Ric<sup>e</sup> Skelton, w<sup>th</sup> other.—[*Proved 7 April, 1557.*]

EDWARD WATSON, OF SOUTH MILFORD.

(xv. j. 204 b.)

In the name of god, Amen: I Edward Watson, of Southmylforth, beyng of good & pfecte memorye, do make this my last will & testament in maner & forme followinge. First I comende my soull vnto almighty god & to our lady sancte Marie & to all the celestiaall company of heven, & my body to be buried in the pishe churche yerd of Sherburne wher it shall please god. First I giue to the blessed sacrament ij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeth to Ellen my wif one blak cowe northermer hodder of Royd lyeing in the moore furlonge. Also I bequeth to Jenet my doughter one quye stirke & my sheipe & I giue Luce ij sheipe & I giue to Henry, John & Roberte to eu<sup>r</sup>y on of them on sheipe. The residewe of all my goode not bequethed, my fun<sup>e</sup>all made, I make Ellen my wif my holl executrix of this my last will & testament made the xxviiij day of December in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord god m<sup>l</sup>.ccccclvj. Thes beyng witness<sup>e</sup>, Henry Davye, Wi<sup>th</sup>m Halile, Lionell Lethom, Robert Hitlom, John Connyngworth.—[*Proved 7 April, 1557.*]

## WILLIAM LEE ALIAS WILLIAM SYME, OF HAREWOOD.

(xv. j. 205 a.)

In the name of God amen: the yere of our lord God m.ccccc.iiij, the xxix day of August. I William Le otherwise called WiHm Syme, w<sup>l</sup>in the pish of Harwood, makith this my last will & testament in maner & forme following. First I bequeth my soull to god almighty, & my body to be buried within the pishe churche yerd of Alhallos at Harwood. Also I bequeth to my doughter v<sup>s</sup>. I bequeth to her thre childer iij gymler lambes. The residewe of my goodē moueable & vnmouable, my dette paid and my body buried, I giue & bequeth to Isabell my wif during her naturall lif if my other chylder be so contented, if they be not so content my body buried I bequest the residewe of my parte to my said wif & farther I bequest to my said wif all my holl interest & possession of my tenement or fernhold during my yeres & if she fortune to dye w<sup>l</sup>in the said terme I bequest the forsaid tēte or fernhold vnto William Le my eldest son during my forsaid terme of yeres. I ordane & make my wif Isabell & WiHm my eldest son my executors for to accomlishe & fulfill this my laste will & testament. Thes witnesses, Xpofer Hird, WiHm Smalthar & Peter Wright, w<sup>l</sup> other.—[*Proved 7 April, 1557.*]

## JOHN TENANT, OF METHLEY.

(xv. j. 205 b.)

In the name of god amen: the xxij day of Marche in the yere of our lord god m<sup>l</sup>.cccc.lvj. I John Tenand, of the pishing of Methelay, of holl mynd & memorie, makith this my will of this man' following. The first I bequeth my saull to god almighty & to his blessed mother sancte Marie the virgyn & to all the sancte in heven, & my body to be buried w<sup>l</sup>in the churche yerd of sanct Oswolde of the said Methley. Also I bequeth to the most neide of the Churche xij<sup>d</sup>. The residewe of my goodē I giue & bequeth to M'garet my wif, whom I make my lafull executrix to cōplemshe & fulfill this my said will according to the tenor & intent therof. Witnes thervpon is s<sup>r</sup> Laurēce Otte, chaplayn, Robert Gyge, John Laik & John Bryge.—[*Proved 10 April, 1557.*]

## ALICE BURGH, OF WOODKIRK.

(xv. j. 206 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord God m<sup>l</sup>.cccc.lvj & the xxiiij day of December. I Alice Burgh, of the pishing of Wodkyrke, holl of mynd & of good remembrance, make this my last will in man' & forme following. First I giue my soull to god almighty, till o<sup>r</sup> lady sancte Marie, and to all the celestiall company of heven, & my body to be buried w<sup>l</sup>in the Churche of Wodkirke. Also I giue & bequeth to the Churche of Wodkirke iij<sup>s</sup> iijj<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeth towardē the making of the Rowell iijj<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue to WiHm Facon<sup>r</sup> & to Barbara his sister either of them one sheipe. Also I giue to WiHm Burghe my son son a wether. Also I giue to my doughters Eliz. & M'garet either of them on sylu' spone. Also I giue to Robert Facon<sup>r</sup> wif, my daughter, a grene gowne. Also I giue to M'garet my doughter, Wilfray Rayn<sup>r</sup> wif, a candlestike, a charger, a matres, a blanket, a shete & the worse cou'let. Also I giue to Eliz' Blak-

burne a peticote & on pewther dishe. It' I giue to S<sup>r</sup> Ric' Robert, curat, xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue to Roger Fornes viij<sup>d</sup>. Also my dette & my legacies paid & my fun'all expens' made at my buriall. The residewe of all my goodē moveable & vnmoueable I give vnto John Burghe my son, whom I make my full executor in the full pformaçon of this my last will to dispose for my saull helth & all christian soulls as he shall thinke the best. Thes men beyng witnesses, S<sup>r</sup> Ric' Robert, Roger Fornes & John Lee, w<sup>t</sup> other. —[*Proved 10 April, 1557.*]

RICHARD SPROXTON, OF WAKEFIELD, YEOMAN.

(xv. j. 206 b.)

In Dei nōie amen: the first day of M'che in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord god m<sup>l</sup>cccc.lvj. I Ric' Sproxton, yomā, of the pishing of Wakefeld w<sup>in</sup> the countye of Yorke, of good & pfecte remembrance, seike in body, makith this my last will & testament as herafter followith. First I giue & bequeth my soll to God Almighty, to o<sup>r</sup> lady sancte Marie, & to all the blessed cōpany of heven, & my body to be buried w<sup>in</sup> the churche or churche yerd of Alhallos in Wakefeld. Inprimis I bequeth to Agnes Sproxton my wif on blacke mare. It' I bequeth to Robert Sproxton my son on gray stag. It' I bequeth to John Queldayls wif, of Hull, on white headed quye ou' & beside childe porçon. It' I bequeth to eu'y on of my childer children on lambe. It' I bequeth to Thomas Wrosse children x<sup>s</sup>. It' I bequeth to the said Robert Sproxton my son my best gowne & best doblet. It' I bequeth to Robert Risheforth my best Jaket. It' I bequeth to Wiłm Agland my second Jaket, a doblet, a paire of hose. It' I bequeth to John Andrewe my sleveles Jaket. It' I bequeth to Alice Hartley my gaberdyn. It' I will that Agnes Sproxton my wif shall haue the third parte of goodē moueable & vnmoueable, whom I make myne executrix. The residewe of all my goodē not bequethed I giue & bequeth vnto my children to be diuided emonges them by euen porçons. It' I make supervisors of this my last will M<sup>r</sup> Brian Bradfurth, gentleman, Robert Sproxton, my son, & John Poyle & they to se that this my last will be fulfilled. Thes beyng witnes, Wiłm Casson, Thomas Crakell, s<sup>r</sup> George Lee, John Powle.—[*Proved 10 April, 1557.*]

ROBERT HARTLEY, OF SHERBURN.

(xv. j. 211 a.)

In the name of God Amen: I Robt Hertlaie, of Sherburne, wholle of mynde & good Remēbrance, thanke be to God, doth maike this my Last will & testamēt in maner & forme folowing. First I bequith my soule to God Almighty & to all y<sup>e</sup> blessed cōpenye of heaven, & my bodie to be buried in y<sup>e</sup> churche yerd of Sherburne. Also I bequith to y<sup>e</sup> sacramēt for my tythes forgotten iij<sup>d</sup>. The Residewe of all my goodē, my dette paid & my funeralle maid, I gyve to Jenet my wiffe & Wiłm Hertlaie my sonne, Edward, Alis, Grace & Jenett my childer, whom I maike myne executors & assignes of this my last will & testament. Thes being witnesse, S<sup>r</sup> Robert Blaunch, Wiłm King & John Shellowe. Dated the xiiij daie of Aprill, Anno d'ni miſſimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo septimo.—[*Proved 28 May, 1557, by the widow. Grant reserved to the children, minors.*]

## COSTEN CRUMMOCK, OF FARNLEY.

(xv. j. 211 b.)

In Dei nōie Amen. The xxix daie of Aprill in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lord God a thosand syx hundreth fiftie & seaven. I Costen Crumhoc, of Fernelay in the cownte of Yorke, hole of mynde & of good & perfytte Remēbrance, doe ordeine and maike this my last will & Testamēt in mañ and forme folowinge. First I bequith my sowle to Almightye god my Creat<sup>r</sup> & to Jesus Christe my Redem<sup>r</sup>, desiring o<sup>r</sup> blessed Laydie & all the sainctē in heaven to pray for me that my Sowle may take place amongst y<sup>e</sup> electe people of God, & my bodie to be buried in saincte Katherine queare w<sup>th</sup>in the parishe church of Oslaie & I will y<sup>t</sup> my mortuarie & duties of the Church be paid according to the Custome of the cūtre. It<sup>r</sup> I will y<sup>t</sup> my wiffe shall have the one halffe of my goodē & the other halffe to be as hereafter foloweth, that is to saie, to pore people & to the hie wais xx<sup>s</sup>. It<sup>r</sup> to my two doughters xx shepe & to my sonne James v pownde to be delyvered att the disscression of my supvisors. And also I will y<sup>t</sup> my suñe Nicholas have a resonable parte of my said halffe goodē att the order of my said supervisors if he cā be cōtented therewyth & if he cā not be cōtented therewith then I will y<sup>t</sup> he shall paie to my Executors xx<sup>tie</sup> merk w<sup>ch</sup> he oweth vnto me. And I gyve to Walter Crumhoc two shepe & to his sonne one shepe. And I will y<sup>t</sup> Thomas Crūhoc, sonne to my sonne Nycolas, have my lande in Brampton for ever. The rest of y<sup>e</sup> said second halffe I honestlie brought furthe therw<sup>th</sup>, I will y<sup>t</sup> it shalbe devided amongst my said two doughters & my sonn Nicolas att y<sup>e</sup> ordre of my said supervisors. And I maike Margrett my wyfe my sole executrix of this my last will & testament. And I desire Thom's Angrom & Wiłm Robinson to be my supervisors of this my said last will & testament, And I gyve either of theim for their paynes iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Thes being witnesses, Thomas Angrome, senior, Thomas Angrom, Junior, Ric' Colinson and Thomas Cave.—  
[Proved 28 May, 1557.]

## THOMAS HUMBLOCK, OF BURTON SALMON.

(xv. j. 211 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the first daie of M'che in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lord god a. 1556. I Thomas Humblocke, of Burton, w<sup>th</sup>in y<sup>e</sup> parishe of Monkfriston, wholle of mynde & good of memorie, maikē this my last will & testamēt in maner & forme folowinge. First I bequith my soule to God Almightye, to our blessed Laidie Saincte Marie, & to all the celestiaall cōpenye of heaven. And my bodie to be buried in my parishe churchē yeard off Mūkfriston. Also I bequeath to the holie Sacramēt viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeath to iij of John Robinson childer iij ewe Lambes. Also I gyve to Christopher Attkinson an ewe & a lambe. Also I gyve to Alice Wood a lambe. Also I beq<sup>th</sup> to John Atleburne one Close called Richardson Roidē during my leasse. It<sup>r</sup> I bequeath to s<sup>r</sup> Ric. Jennynge viij<sup>d</sup>. It<sup>r</sup> to John Metham iij<sup>d</sup>. It<sup>r</sup> I gyve to John Humblocke my sonne one paire of kilne haires & a stepefatt. Also I will y<sup>t</sup> when my wiffe mayries agayne y<sup>t</sup> then John Robinson shall occupie two parte of my fernholde & leases to y<sup>e</sup> behowffe & pfett of my childer during the termes in the said leases. Also I will y<sup>t</sup> if my wiffe die before the lease w<sup>ch</sup> I have of Thomas Gom'sall be expired that then the Residew of yeaes nott expente to re-

mayne to John my sonne. Also I give to the said John Robinson one oxestirke, whom I maiketh the supvisor of this my last will. The Residew of my gooder nōt bequethed, my dettē paid, I gyve & bequeath to Agnes my wife & to my two children John & Ellen whom I maiketh my full executors of this my last will & testamēt. Thes being witnesses, s<sup>r</sup> Ric. Gynnynge, my curatt, John Robinson, Thomas Shipperd, Henry Mitton, w<sup>t</sup> other.—*[Proved 28 May, 1557, by the widow. Grant reserved to the children, minors.]*

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PETER COOK, OF TONG.

(xv. j. 212a.)

In nōie Dei Amen: the xx<sup>tie</sup> day of Octobr<sup>r</sup> in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lorde god a. 1556. I Peter Cooke, of Tonger, being seeke of bodie & wholle in memorie, maiketh & orders this my will as foloweth. First I bequeath my soule to Almighty god, to o<sup>r</sup> blessed Laidie saincte Marie, & to all y<sup>e</sup> glorious cōpenye y<sup>t</sup> is in heaven, & my bodie to be buried in sanctyfyed ground att Birstall. The gooder y<sup>t</sup> I have moveable & vnmmoveable I gyve & bequith to my wiffe Alice & my viij children, whom I maiketh myne Executors. And if any of my children die before they come to aige then y<sup>e</sup> parte to be devided amongst the other y<sup>t</sup> is aliffe after the customme of the cuntre. Witnesses, S<sup>r</sup> WiHm Swanne, Maister Henrye Tempest, Thomas Cordinglaie, Bernard Hillous, John Broke, WiHm Wood, w<sup>t</sup> other.—*[Proved 5 May, 1557, by the widow. Grant reserved to the children, minors.]*

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ROBERT GAWKROGER, OF BIRSTALL.

(xv. j. 213a.)

In the name of God Amen: the seconde daie of October in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lorde God a m.d.lvj. I RoBt Gawkroger, in the perishinge of Birstall, of wholle mynd, maketh my last will in forme folowinge. First I bequeath my soule to god almightie & to the cōpenye of our blessed Laydie saincte Marie & to all the saynctē in heaven, & my bodie to be buried in the churcheyard of Birstall of the holie Apostles Peter and Pawle. First the tacke & leases of my howses w<sup>t</sup> all other tacke of gronde that I have taken of John Brooke & WiHm his sonne I gyve them hollie to Isabell my wiffe, and also all my corne and cattell to bring vppe my children withall during her widowhed. And she shall gyve to everie one of my daughters vnmarried vj<sup>li</sup> xij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> att suche tyme or tymes as they cā or shalbe able to occupie ytt. Also I gyve to my two yongest daughters Isabell and Alis, to either of them two ewes & ij wethers over & above their childe porçons. And in case my said wiffe doo marie att any tyme, then all my said tacke & corne & cattelle & all other gooder shalbe devided by iiij men & my wiffe to have her third parte. And all the rest to my fyve daughters vnmarried, Margrett, Anne, Elisabeth, Isabell and Alice. It' I gyve to Jenett Jeffrason my daughter iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. And to WiHm Jeffrason her sonne iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> to bie him an ewe shepe wythall. Finallie I maiketh Isabell my wiffe & my fyve daughters affore named my full executors after my decease & to dispose for my soule as they thinke best. Thes mē bearing witnesse, WiHm Walker, WiHm Walker, yonger, WiHm Gordall, Edmund Broke & WiHm Taillior.—*[Proved 5 May, 1557, by Margaret, daughter. Grant reserved to the other children, minors.]*



## AGNES GLOVER, OF WAKEFIELD.

(xv. j. 213 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the ix daie of M'ch and in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lord God a m.d.lvj. I Agnes Glover, of Wakefeld within the Cowntie of Yorke, widow, of good and perfyte memorie, makith this my last will & testament in man' & forme folowing. First I gyve my soule to God Almightye & to our blessed laydie saincte Marie the mother of god and to all the holie & blessed cūpeny of heaven, & my bodie to be buried w<sup>thin</sup> the parishe churcheyard of Allhallows in Wakfeld. It' I gyve & beq<sup>th</sup> to George Glover my sonne xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup> in money for the rest of his childe porçon. It' I gyve & beq<sup>th</sup> to Thomas Glover my sonne xxvjs viij<sup>d</sup> in money for his porçon. The Residew of all my goodē nott bequeathed I gyve vnto my thre doughters Alice Glover, Emmott Glover, and Jenett Glover, whom I maikē executrysses of this my last will & they to have my goodē devided amongst them by even porçons. It' I will y<sup>t</sup> my funerall expenses shall be paid of my wholle goodē. Thes being witnesses, Lawrence Borow, Mathew Browne & John Bradlaie, w<sup>t</sup> other moo.—[*Proved 5 May, 1557, by Alice and Jane. Grant reserved to Emmott, a minor.*]

## THOMAS RICHARDSON, OF HOLME, TONG, HUSBANDMAN.

(xv. j. 214 a.)

In nōie Dei Amen: The xv daie of September in the yeare of our lord god a m.d.lvj. that I Thom's Richardson, of Home, husbandmā, maikē & orders this my Will in this man' & forme. First I bequeath my soule to Almightye god, to our blessed Laidie saint Marie, & to all the glorious cōpenye y<sup>t</sup> ys in heaven, & my bodie to be buried in the churche earth of Birstall. It' I bequeath to the chapell of Toge a pownde of wax. It' I bequeath to mine eldest sonne Nicholas the tacke of my howse. It' I bequeath to myne sonne Wi<sup>thm</sup> the land y<sup>t</sup> that I bought of M<sup>r</sup> Henry Tempest. It' I bequeath to my sonne Richard an oxe beside his filiall porçon. The rest of my goodē I gyve & bequeath to my wiffe Agnes & my thre children, whom I maikē myne executors. Witnesses, Wi<sup>thm</sup> Whithead, senior, Roberte Bawfett, Roberte Proctor & James Appleyeard, w<sup>t</sup> other moo as s<sup>r</sup> Wi<sup>thm</sup> Swanne.—[*Proved 5 May, 1557, by the widow. Grant reserved to Nicholas, William, and Richard, sons, minors.*]

## JOHN ATKINSON, OF KIRSKELL.

(xv. j. 214 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xx<sup>tie</sup> daie of M'che in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lorde God a m.d.lvj. I John Attkinson, of Kirskeell in the parishe of Adle, husbandmā, seeke of bodie but whole of mynde & good Remēbrance, do maikē my last will & testamēt in man' & forme folowing. First I beq<sup>th</sup> the my soule to almightye god my maker & my Redem', & my bodie to be buried in the churche earth at Adle & all other duties to be donne as the law doth require. Also my mynd and will is y<sup>t</sup> Elyzabeth my wiffe & my foure sonnes that is to say, John, Thomas, Richard, Wi<sup>thm</sup> & Elyzabeth my doughter, shalbe my executors & have vse & possesse of my goodē, moveable and vnmoeable, according as the Law doth require. Witnesses of this my last will & testament, Richard Hollinge, James Rastricke, w<sup>t</sup> other moo.—[*Proved 6 May, 1557, by the widow. Grant reserved to the children, minors.*]

## ROBERT PEASE, OF AUSTHORPE.

(xv. j. 214 b.)

In the name of god Amen: the xxij<sup>th</sup> daie Decēber & in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lorde god a m.d.lvj. I Ro<sup>bt</sup> Peise, of Austhorpe w<sup>th</sup>in the parishe of Whitkirke, seeke of bodie & of perfyte Remēbrance, doo maike this my last will & Testamēt in maner & forme folowinge. First I beq<sup>st</sup> my soule to god Almightye, to o<sup>r</sup> blessed laidie sancte Marie, & to all the holie cōpenye of heaven, & my bodie to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the churchyard of o<sup>r</sup> laidie of Whitkirke. Also I bequeath to the blessed Sacrament for tythes forgotten xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeath to the church worke xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeath to Olyver Tottie an ewe & a hogge. The Residew of my goodē nott bequest, my dettē paid & my funerallē deducte, I gyve to Jenett Peyse, Elene Peyse & Elizabeth Peyse, my daughters, whom I make myne Executryces. Also I will that Thomas Hemsworth, of Swillington, thelder, be the supervisor of this my last will. Thes men being witnesses, s<sup>r</sup> Ro<sup>bt</sup> Thomson, curatt, Wi<sup>l</sup>m Doeslaie, Henry Biwatter & Ro<sup>bt</sup> Hemsworth.—[*Proved 6 May, 1557.*]

## WILLIAM READER, OF SWILLINGTON.

(xv. j. 214 b.)

In the name of god Amen: the xxij daie of Januarie the yeare of our lord god a m.d.lvj. I Wi<sup>l</sup>m Reder, of the parishe of Swillington in the Cowntie of York, of good & pfyte Remēbrance, maikē this my Testame<sup>t</sup> & last will in maner & forme folowing y<sup>t</sup> is to saie, First I gyve & frelie betaike my soule to Almightye god, the blessed virgin o<sup>r</sup> Laidie Sainct Marie, & to all the celestiall cōpenye of heaven, & my bodie to be buried in the churchyard of thafforsaid Swillington. Also I bequeath to the anournamēte of the said church viij<sup>d</sup>, and to Roger Reder my brother I gyve & bequest xij<sup>d</sup>, to my sister Agnes xij<sup>d</sup>. Further I will y<sup>t</sup> Johan my wiffe have & occupie my fermhold during her lif naturall & after her deceasse my sonne John Reder have and occupie the same fermeholde. The Residew of all my goodē not bequyte, my dettē & funerall expenses maid & discharged, I gyve them to Johan my saide wiffe, whome I maike the sole executrix of this my last testament to performe the saime as I have putt her in trust. Witnesses hereof, John Dawson, preest, John Fenty mā, Henry Graywe, Christopher Tomson, w<sup>t</sup> other moo.—[*Proved 6 May, 1557.*]

## JOHN WHARTON, OF HELTHWAITE HILL, YEOMAN.

(xv. j. 255 a.)

In the name of god Amen: the vj<sup>th</sup> daie of Februarie in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth fyvtie & syx. I John Wharton, of Healthwathill in y<sup>e</sup> cowntie of Yorke, yomā, holle of minde & of good & perfyte Remēbrance, ordeine & maike this my last will & testame<sup>t</sup> in man<sup>r</sup> & forme folowing. First I bequith my soule to almightye God my creat<sup>r</sup> & to J<sup>h</sup>us Christ my Redem<sup>r</sup>, desiring o<sup>r</sup> blessed Laidie & all y<sup>e</sup> celestiall cūpenie in heaven to praie for me y<sup>t</sup> my soule maie take place emongst the electe people of god, & my bodie to be buried in my parishe church of Harwood where my frendē thinkē most mete & I will y<sup>t</sup> my mortuarie & duties of y<sup>e</sup> churche be paid according to y<sup>e</sup> custome of y<sup>e</sup> Countrie. Also I gyve & bequith to Wi<sup>l</sup>m my second sonne in full recōpence of his childē porcōn all my landē in Helltwaterhill, Dunkeswicke & Wetton to have & to hold to him & his heires for ever paying yearlie to

John myne eldest sonne during y<sup>e</sup> lyve naturall of y<sup>e</sup> saide John the summe of fyve marke & y<sup>e</sup> said WiHm nott to enter to y<sup>e</sup> said lande nor paie y<sup>e</sup> said summe of v m<sup>k</sup>e vnto Sibbell my wiffe doe either marie or departe to y<sup>e</sup> m<sup>c</sup>ye of almightie god, w<sup>ch</sup> Sibbell shall have, occupie & enioy y<sup>e</sup> said lande during her widowheed fynding y<sup>e</sup> said WiHm & John my sonnes meate, drinke & clote during her said wedowheede. Also I gyve & bequeathe to my Cosing George Wharton my right & interest of one lease w<sup>ch</sup> I have of Christopher Redshaie in Nuton Walles during vij yeares, y<sup>e</sup> said George paying yearlye for y<sup>e</sup> same xv<sup>li</sup> to my executors & y<sup>e</sup> fedinge of one ox yearly in y<sup>e</sup> garres of y<sup>e</sup> said ground during y<sup>e</sup> said vij yeares over & besyde y<sup>e</sup> lord<sup>e</sup> rente yearlie vpon cōdiçon y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said George shall maike sufficient bonde to myne executors for y<sup>e</sup> yearly payment of y<sup>e</sup> saide xv<sup>li</sup> the lord<sup>e</sup> rent<sup>e</sup> & other duties belonging y<sup>e</sup> same. And I will y<sup>t</sup> att y<sup>e</sup> ende of y<sup>e</sup> said vij yeares Mathew my sonne shall have & peaceablie enioy y<sup>e</sup> said lease of Nuton Walles w<sup>t</sup> all y<sup>e</sup> pfitte therof during all y<sup>e</sup> yeares in y<sup>e</sup> said lease cōteyned & then y<sup>e</sup> said George lovinglie & quietlie to leave th'occupaçon therof. It' I gyve & bequith to my said Cosin George my parte interest & right of one lease w<sup>ch</sup> WiHm Nevell, of Torksay, esquier, dyd demise to me the said John Wharton, George Wharton & WiHm Wharton & y<sup>e</sup> said George to have y<sup>e</sup> same during tenne yeares paying yearlie to myne executors tenne pownde & y<sup>e</sup> feding of one cove in y<sup>e</sup> said ground yearlie from Maie daie to Michelmas during y<sup>e</sup> said tenne yeares over & besides y<sup>e</sup> lord<sup>e</sup> rent<sup>e</sup> & all other chardges & duties belonging y<sup>e</sup> same. And y<sup>e</sup> said George to find & make sufficient bonnde to myne executors for y<sup>e</sup> paymēt of y<sup>e</sup> p'misses & att y<sup>e</sup> ende of y<sup>e</sup> said tenne yeares I will y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said George shall leave th'occupaçon therof & then my sonne Edward to enter, occupie & enioye y<sup>e</sup> same during all y<sup>e</sup> yeares in y<sup>e</sup> said Lease cōtenied, in full recōpence of his childe porçon of my goode, y<sup>e</sup> said Edward paying yearlie xx<sup>s</sup> to John myne eldest sonne during his lyfe & y<sup>e</sup> said Edward lying sufficient suerties & bonde to my executors for y<sup>e</sup> pformance therof, and y<sup>e</sup> said xx<sup>s</sup> w<sup>t</sup> fyv m<sup>k</sup>e above rehersed to be paid to y<sup>e</sup> said John in full recōpence & satisfacçon of his childe porçon & all other my lande & tenement<sup>e</sup>. And I will y<sup>t</sup> my dette shalbe paid of my wholle goode. And ferther I will y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said yearlie rent<sup>e</sup> of xxv<sup>li</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> my said cosing George shall yearlie pay to my executors shalbe paid as hereafter folowith that is to saie, x<sup>li</sup> yearlie to my wyfe for findinge of my children during tenne yeares & to Mathew my sonne, Dorythe, Jenett & Elyzabeth my doughters, xv<sup>li</sup> yearlie during vij yeares. It' I give to s<sup>r</sup> Thomas Walle & to s<sup>r</sup> WiHm Priston either of them xx<sup>d</sup>. It' I gyve to Thomas Herryson my best paire of hoose. It' my dette paid, my funerall expenses & legacies discharged, I gyve all my goode remaynyng of my parte to Sibble my wyfe, WiHm & Edward my soñes equallie to be devided amongst them, which Sibbell, WiHm & Edward I maike myne executors. And I desyre of Charitie Ric<sup>e</sup> Powle, clarke, & Lawrence Lyndkaie, gentlemā, to be supervisors of this my said will & testament. And I gyve to either of them xx<sup>s</sup> over & beside their charges for their paines. Thes being witnesses, Henrie Hebbletwhait, WiHm Wharton, WiHm Herryson, John Newsom, Thomas Herrison & Thomas Cave.—[*Proved 6 May, 1557. by the widowe. Grant reserved to the sons, minors.*]

## THOMAS YEADON, OF OVER YEADON.

(xv. j. 250 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xij<sup>th</sup> daie of Aprill in y<sup>e</sup> yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lord god a. 1557. I Thomas Yeadon, of Over Yeadon w<sup>th</sup>in the Cowntie of Yorke, hoole of mynde & of good & p<sup>r</sup>ofite remēbrance, thanke be vnto almightie god, ordeneth, declareth & maketh this my last will & testament in maner & forme folowinge. First I gyve & bequith my soule vnto almightie god my maker & Redem' & to o<sup>r</sup> blessed Laidie S. Marie & to all y<sup>e</sup> blessed cūpenye of heaven, & my bodie to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the parishe church yeard of Gieslaie. Seco<sup>d</sup>lie I gyve & bequith vnto Jenet Yeadon my wife & Thomas Yeadon my sonne my lease & my fermhold. The Residew of all my other goodē moveable & vnmmoveable, my dette paid & my funerall expenses maid y<sup>e</sup> daie of my buriall, I gyve them frelie & whollie vnto the said Jenett my wiffe & Thomas my sonne, whom I ordeine & maike my full executors of this my last will & testame't to dispose for my soules health as they shall thinke good. Thes being wittnesses, Wi<sup>th</sup>m Foster, Thomas Willson, w<sup>t</sup> others.—[*Proved 6 May, 1557, by the widow. Grant reserved to the son.*]

## WILLIAM HALL, OF HEDRICK, HAREWOOD.

(xv. j. 257 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xx<sup>ty</sup> daie of March in ye yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lorde God a m<sup>mo</sup> d<sup>mo</sup> lvij<sup>mo</sup>. I Wi<sup>th</sup>m Hall, of Hedricke w<sup>th</sup>in y<sup>e</sup> parishe of Harwoodde, being of good & p<sup>r</sup>ofyte Reme'brance, maketh & ordeineth this my last will & Testament in this man' & forme folowing. First I bequith my soule to god almightie, & my bodie to be buried in y<sup>e</sup> parishe church earthe of Allhallowes att Harwood. Also I gyve & bequeath to s<sup>r</sup> Wi<sup>th</sup>m Preston to pray for my soule vjs viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I gyve & bequeath to everie one of my sonne Roger Horner children one chist. Also I gyve to Marmaduke Horner one jacket of blew & one dublett of buckskinne. Also I gyve to Jenett Hall my s<sup>v</sup>ant one gymmer shepe. And all y<sup>e</sup> rest of my goodē nott gyven nor bequithed, my dette paid & my funerall expenses dispatched, I gyve & bequith to Roger Horner, whom I ordeine & maike my wholle executor for to occo<sup>p</sup>lishe & fulfill this my last will & testament. Thes being witnesses, Wi<sup>th</sup>m Smythson, Thomas Smith, w<sup>t</sup> other moo.—[*Proved 19 May, 1557.*]

## MARGARET INGLE, OF WEETON, WIDOW.

(xv. j. 259 a.)

In the name of God Amen. I Margrett Ingle, of Weton in y<sup>e</sup> parishe of Harwood in y<sup>e</sup> cowntie of Yorke, widow, seeke in bodie, wholle of mynd & of good & perfytted reme'brance, thanke be god everlastinge, y<sup>e</sup> xx<sup>ty</sup> daie of December in y<sup>e</sup> yeare of our lorde god a.m.d.lvj & in the thirde & fowrthe yere of y<sup>e</sup> Reignes of our Soveraingē lorde & ladye Phillippe & Marie by y<sup>e</sup> grace of god King and quene of Englonde, Spaine, France, both Cicilies, Jerusalem & Irelande, Defenders of y<sup>e</sup> faith & Archduke of Austrie, Dukē of Myllane, Burgonie & Brabante, Counties of Haspurge, Flanders & Tiroll, doth maike this my last will & testame't in man' & forme folowinge. Fyrst I comytt my soule vnto almightie God my maker & Redem' & to o<sup>r</sup> blessed laydye S. Marie & to y<sup>e</sup> celestiall compenye of

heaven, & my bodie to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in my said parishe church yearde at Herwoodde. Also I gyve & bequyth to y<sup>e</sup> hie alter for forgotten tythes xij<sup>d</sup>. It' I gyve & bequest to s<sup>r</sup> Wi<sup>th</sup>m Preston for a trentall of messes for my husband soule & myne x<sup>s</sup>. It' I gyve & bequith to Wi<sup>th</sup>m Ingle my sonne my Lease & whoolle interest of my fermhold & to enter to ytt according to y<sup>e</sup> custome of husbandrie. It' I gyve & bequeath vnto John Ingle my sonne xxxiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. It' I gyve vnto Christopher Ingle my sonne xxxiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. It' I gyve vnto Peter my sonne xxxiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. It' I give & bequyth vnto Dorothe Ingle my daughter xl<sup>s</sup> & my best sylver crooke. It' I gyve & bequyth vnto Thomas Ingle an other of my sonnes xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. It' I gyve vnto Alexander Ingle xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I will y<sup>t</sup> this shall be well & trewlie paid to everie one of my chyl dren above named over & besyde their childe por<sup>ci</sup>on & parte. It' I gyve vnto Jenett Skotte my daughter my best gowne. It' I gyve to y<sup>e</sup> said Jenett one great arke. It' I gyve and bequith vnto John Skotte her sonne a quye. It' I gyve & bequyth vnto Dorothe Ingle all my rayme't vnbequested. It' I gyve & bequyth vnto Ro<sup>bt</sup> Cloughe my Kinsmā vjs viij<sup>d</sup>. It' I gyve & bequyth vnto Wi<sup>th</sup>m Cloughe my brother vjs viij<sup>d</sup>, whom I make supervisors of this my last will & Testament. The Residew of all my goodē, my will fulfilled & my dette paid, I gyve vnto y<sup>e</sup> saide Wi<sup>th</sup>m Ingle my sonne, whom I cōstitute, ordeine & maikē my sole executor of this my last will & testame't. Hijs testibus, Wi<sup>th</sup>m Cloughe, Rawffe Ingle, cū allijs.—*[Proved 31 May, 1557.]*

## NICHOLAS LOWKES, OF GRAYSTOCK, LABOURER.

(xv. j. 267 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen. The xiiij daie of Maie in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> lord God a m.d.lviij & in the third & fourte yeares of our moost dradde sufferande Philippe & Marie by the grace of god king & quene of Englonde, France, Spaine, both Cicilies, Jerusalem & Irelande, defendours of y<sup>e</sup> faith, etc., wytnesseth that I Nycholas Lowke, of Greastocke w<sup>th</sup>in the cowntye of Yorke, laborer, doth maikē & ordeyne this my last will & testamēt as hereafter foloweth. First I bequyth my soule to Almightye god, our laidye saint Marie, & to all the blessed & glorious cōpeny of heaven, & my bodie to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the churchyard of Normanton nie my predisessors. First I gyve for my soules health to the blessed Sacrament for tythes vnpaid xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I gyve to Elisabeth my daughter & to Edward her sonne two coples of shepe. Also I gyve to Richard Hall one gray jackedt, a paire of hoose cloth & my best dublett. Also I gyve to my sister Margarette one ewe & one lambe & to John Roger her husband my blacke jacket, my best hoose & one fustiā dublett and my best showes. Also I gyve to Alison Blome my servant one ewe & one lambe and finallie I gyve to Ro<sup>bt</sup> Tayliour, of Normanton, one olde xij<sup>d</sup>, whom I desire to see my will fulfilled. The rest of my goodē nōt bequytt, my funerall expenses & charge maid, my dette paid & I honestlie brought furth, I gyve clearlie to M<sup>g</sup>rett my wiffe, whom I maikē my full executrix for the terme of her lyfe & after her decesse to remayne to Elyzabeth my daughter to fulfill this my last will & testamēt according to my will & mynd hereto affore written. Thes bearing witnesses, Wi<sup>th</sup>m Brayton & Ro<sup>bt</sup> Tayliour.—*[Proved 2 June, 1557.]*

## HUGH ATKINSON, OF CASTLEFORD.

(xv. j. 283 b.)

In the name of god Amen: the xix daye of M'che & in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord god m<sup>l</sup>ccccc.lvj. I Hugh Atkynson, of Castilforth, seike in body but holl of mynd & perfecte of remembrance, makis this my last will & testament in this maner and forme following, first I bequeth my soull to almighty god my only saveyor & redem<sup>r</sup> & to o<sup>r</sup> blessed lady sancte Marie & to all the celestiaall companye of heven, & my body to be buried w<sup>t</sup>in the churche or churche earth of alhallows at Castilfurth. Also I bequeth to the holye sacrament for forgotten tithes xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeth to Thomas Bullocke iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeth to Wi<sup>l</sup>m Loage his bed that he lyes in & on blacke quye. Also I bequeth to John Hemynlay ij<sup>s</sup>. Also I bequeth to Robert Abbot ij<sup>s</sup>. Also I bequeth to Eliz. Hilton iij<sup>s</sup>. Also I beq<sup>th</sup> to Jenet Loage xvj<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeth to Antony Roydes xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeth to Thomas Atkynson, my son George son, xl<sup>s</sup>. Also I bequeth to Jenet Lawson ij brasse pottē, v pece of pewther, ij sawcers, iij candlestycke & one salt whiche Alexander banke [sic]. Also I bequeth to John Amerson on blacke lether coyte & on blacke jaket. Also I bequeth to Hugh Lawson iij<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeth to Isabell my wif my b[l]acke mayre & on yron chynney whiche standeth at Thomas Bullocke. I bequeth Briget Lawson on candlesticke with two flowres. Also I bequeth to John Rawson on wayne. Also I bequeth to M<sup>r</sup> Lawsons three doughters my iij best quysshyns. Also I bequeth to Peter Lawson & John Lawson either of them on sylu' spone. Also I bequeth to Mr. Lawson my son in law my two handed sword. Also I bequeth to my doughter Lawson on mellan basyn. Also I bequeth to Alexander Banke my wodknyf. Also I bequeth to his wif on chafing dishe & to his three children eu'y one of them on sylu' spone. Also I will that my wif be not trobled or hyndred of that pte of my goodē whiche is her right to have. Also I make my executors Tho<sup>m</sup>s Lawson, gent', & Alexander Banke, my sonnes in lawe, trusting that they will se me honestly brought furth at the day of my buriaall & my bequestē & dette discharged & thes thingē truly gyven that I haue made mention of in my will & at there discretion to deale peny dolle or halfpeny dolle for the helthe of my soull, and thes thinges done they to haue that whiche will remayne of my goodē. Also I giue to Eliz., my son George doughter, & to her mother on lode of slayte standing in my laith for the mending of the houses. Also I will that no glasse w<sup>t</sup>in my house or e<sup>l</sup>s where be removed w<sup>t</sup> my executors but to remayne to my heires & also I giue to Eliz', my son George doughter, & her mother the high table & the seattes on bothe sydes. Also I will that my lathe in Allarton be fynnyshed & made vp of my holl goodē according to my promysse to my te<sup>n</sup>te. I giue vnto Tho<sup>m</sup>s Bulloke the intrest & right that I haue at Houghton of Heptonstall grond paying him therfore as I haue done yerly. It' I giue to Wi<sup>l</sup>m Shelito my maser. Thes witness', s<sup>r</sup> John Hall, W<sup>m</sup> Casson, Wi<sup>l</sup>m Hagger.—[*Proved 11 June, 1557, by Thomas Lawson. Grant reserved to Alexander Banks.*]

## ALISON DENNIS, OF HUDDLESTONE, WIDOW.

(xv. j. 292 b.)

In the name of God Amen: in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord god m<sup>l</sup>ccccc.lvij, the xxvj day of Maye. I Alison Dynmys, of Hoddelston, widowe, late the wif

of Henry Dynnys, beyng [holl] of mynd & seike in body, make this my last will & testament in man' & forme followinge. Firste I giue my soull to God o'ipotent & vnto all the celestially company of heven, & my bodie to be buried in the churche yerde of Sherburne. It' I giue & bequeth to the blessed sacramente iiij<sup>d</sup>. I giue & bequeth to John Dynnys my eldest son half an acre of barly. It' I bequeth vnto Anne my doughter iiij sheipe & a blacke cowe & ij cou'lette & a paire of my best shetes. It' I bequeth to M'gret my doughter on brasse pott & ij sheipe. It' I bequeth to Eliz' my yongest doughter a pan of brasse, ij sheipe. It' I bequeth to Robert Dynnys my son ij sheipe. Item I bequeth to W<sup>m</sup> Dynnys my son a red whie & ij sheipe. It' I bequeth to John my son my cupbord, pot croke, a raken & my barres of yron in the chymney. The residewe of all my goodes not bequest, my dette & fun'all expenses paid, fynished & ended, I giue them vnto John Dynnys my son, whom I make my holl executor & he to pforme & fulfil this my last will. In witnes herof, Richard Hemsley, curate & vicar ther, John Chelowe, w<sup>t</sup> other mo.—[*Proved 15 June, 1557.*]

THOMAS COWPER, OF LEEDS, YEOMAN.

(xv. j. 299 b.)

In Dei nōie amen: the xxix day of November in the yere of o<sup>r</sup> lord god m<sup>l</sup>cccc.lvj. I Thomas Cowp, of Leide w<sup>in</sup> the countie of Yorke, yoman, of holl mynd & good memorie, makith this my last will & testament in man' & forme following. First I bequith my saull vnto almighty god & to o<sup>r</sup> blessed lady sancte Marie & to all the sancte in heven, & my body to be buried w<sup>in</sup> my p<sup>i</sup>she church at Leede at my stall ende. Also I bequith to the blessed sacrament for tithes forgotten xij<sup>d</sup>. Also I give & bequith to Edward Cowper my son on ten'te or house & on litle ynge therto belonging nowe in the tenure of John Lynlay during my yeres & to the heires of his body laufully begotten & for lacke of heires of his body laufully begotten to retorne & remayne to Jenet Coup my doughter & to her heires of her body lawfullie begotten. Also I giue & bequeth to the said Jenet on cove close now in the tenure & occupaçon of John Lynley & me the said Thomas, boundynge vpon lybberey called the ox close during my holl termes of my leise. Also I giue and bequeth to Ric' Cowp my son all my holl yeres & take of on house & on close nowe in the occupaçon of George Sander & to his heires of his body laufully begotten & for lacke of heires of his body to remayne to Eliz' Cowp & to her heires. Also I giue to the said Eliz' my dought<sup>r</sup> my holl yeres title & intrest of & vpon on close nowe in the tenure & occupaçon of Roger Fawcet, peell of the forsaid ox close w<sup>t</sup> all my tacke, leas', title & intrest vpon certan clos's called lekeys as well belonging to the chantrie of Fernley as of lande & medowes somtyme belonging to the late dissolved monasterie of the trinities of Yorke & for lacke of heires of the said Eliz' to remayne to Jenet Cowp & to her heires. Also I will that the rest of my pte, all coste & charges of my buriall & probaçon, to remayne to Jenet my doughter. Also the said leaces doth remayne in the hande of Roger Fawcit on cove't lease given out of the p<sup>o</sup>r & covent of the trinities of Yorke, also other ij leases made by the honorable lord Montegle & s<sup>r</sup> Gabriell Crofte, chantre preist, & on lease of Chippyndaill. Also I make Isabell my wif & Eliz' my doughter my holl & full executrices of this my last will & testament to

pay my dette & to bring me furth according to my will. Also I will that my closes pay the rente eu'y on of them vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I giue & bequeth to Isabell my wif my holl take & leise of my house whiche I nowe do dwell in during my yeres. Also I make supvisors of this my last will, s<sup>r</sup> John Mathewe, Thomas M'tyn, Roger Fawcet, Robte Atkynson. Also I giue & bequeth to Richard Cowp my son xl<sup>s</sup> & it to be paid of the first rente of the tenement whiche is nowe in the holdinge of John Lynley to his bringing vp. Also I will that Robert Ball, of Dewsbury, shall pay xl<sup>s</sup> to Nicolas Seker of the first rente after my decesse whiche I the said Thomas borrowed of him. Also I will that Edward Cowp haue gou'nor<sup>r</sup> reule of Jenet Cowp & Eliz<sup>r</sup> & all ther goodē & take & he to se for the same according as my trust is in him vnto such tyme as they com at age. Also I will that ther be paid yerly to s<sup>r</sup> John Mathewe & his depute after his deth during xx yeres, ij<sup>s</sup> out of John Lynley fermhold in discharging of my conscience. Thes being witnesses, Ric<sup>r</sup> Cloudley, Roger Fawcet, Robert Atkinson, w<sup>t</sup> other.—[*Proved 2 July, 1557, by the widow. Grant reserved to the daughter, a minor.*] ———

THOMAS LEE, OF WESTERTON.

(xv. j. 316 b.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xxx<sup>ii</sup> daye of the moneth of Aprill, the yeaere of our lord god a thowsand fyve hunderith and vij. I Thomas Lee, of Westerton in the pishinge of Woodkirke, hole of mynd and of good and pfitt remembrance, maikē this my present testamente concerninge herein my last will in maner and forme followinge that is to saye. First I comēd my soull vnto Allmightie god my maker and redem<sup>r</sup>, and my bodie to be buried within the pishe churche yearde of Woodkyrke, where it shall please almighty god the best. Also I gyve and bequeath vnto the church of Woodkirke towardē bying of a nornamentē to the same iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I gyve vnto my wif one bedd. Also I gyve and bequeath vnto eu'y one of my children, Dorithe, Isabell, Alice, and Elisabeth, to eu'y one of them a bedd. Also I deuide my goodē in thre ptes, that is to witt, the fyrst pte to maikē my fun'all expenses, the secound to my wif, the third to my childer. Also I gyve and bequeath vnto Richard my brother a doblett and a jacket. Also I gyve and bequeath to John Lee of Ardeslawe my brother one jacket. Also I gyve and bequeath to Agnes my wif, Dorothe, Isabell, Alice, and Elisabeth, the reu'con of my leace of all the yeaeres that is to spend at the daye of my death. The Residewe of all my goodē moveable and not moveable not legate, my fun'all expens<sup>s</sup> maid the daye of my buriall and thes my legacies and dette paid and discharged, I gyve vnto Agnes my wif, Dorothe, Isabell, Alice, and Elisabeth, whome I do maikē my full executors of all my goodē within my house and without, my will so pformed. Thes men bearinge wytneſ, sir Richard Robert, curate, John Lee, John Burghe, and John Haldworth, whome I do maikē ou'sears and supvisors apon this my last will & they to see yt fullie pformed. Yeuen the daye and yeaere aboue wryten. Also I will that if George Lee my brother or any child of his bodie lawfullie begotten cū over to thes myne executors afforsaid, I will that they delyver vnto hym or them so comynge lawfullie viij<sup>s</sup>.—[*Proved 26 July, 1557, by Agnes, widow, Dorothy, Isabel, and Alice, daughters. Grant reserved to Elizabeth.*]



## THOMAS BOTHOM, OF WAKEFIELD.

(xv. j. 317 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the fyft daye of June in the yeare of lord god a thowsand fyve hunderith fiftie and seven. I Thomas Bothom, of the pish of Waikfeld, seke in bodie and hool of mynd and good remembrance, makith this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. First I gyve and bequeath my soull to god allmightie my savyo<sup>r</sup> and redemer, to oure laidie sanct Marie Vyrgyn, and all the holie companye in heven. And my bodie to be buried in the churche yeard at Waikfeld. Item I gyve and bequeath to John Bothom my father one jackett and a lether dublett and a ewe and a lambie. And also to my mother, his wiff, a ewe and a lambe. The Residewe of all my goodē, cattellē, and leases that I haue I gyve and bequeath them hoolie to Jane Bothom my wif, whome I maike and ordayne to be my full and onelie executrix, she to dispose for the health of my soull and to se my children brought vp and to haue ther partes accordinge to the valyation of my goodē. Thes beinge wytnesses, Sir James Brodbent, my curate, Brian Cartmell, Wiłm Haldisworth.—[26 July, 1557.]

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## THOMAS ARNOLD, OF WAKEFIELD.

(xv. j. 317 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xth daie of Julie in the yeare of our lord god a thowsand fyve hunderith fyftie and seaven. I Thomas Arnald, of the pish of Waikfeld within the countie of Yorke, cupper, of good and pfytt memorie, thanke be to god, makith this my last will and testament as hereafter followithe. First I gyve and bequeath my soull vnto allmightie God my maker and redemer and to oure blissed ladie sanct Marie the mother of god and to all the blissed companye of heaven, and my bodie to be buried within the pish churche yeard of all hallowes in Waikfeld. Item I bequeth vnto Thomas Arnald my sone one fether bedd in the plor with all thinge ptey'inge vnto it with vijth peces of pewther vessell and one latten candilsticke and ij sawcers. Item I gyve and bequythe vnto George Arnalde my son a bedde in the parler wythe all thyngē partaynyngē vnto yt and one chafyngē dyshe. Item I gyue and bequythe vnto Jenat Burye my doughter one fleckt bede in the chamber wythe all thyngē partaynyngē vnto yt and one chafyngē dyshe, the Resydewe of all my pewder vessell not bequyathede I gyue vnto George Arnalde my son and to Jenat Burye my doughter to be devydede betwyxte them by even poreyons. Item I gyve vnto John Arnalde my brother one grene jackyt and a chamblete dublet. Item I gyve vnto Amerye Vaveser my servante one blacke gowne and a felt hatte. Item I geue vnto Hewgo Robynson my s'vante a blewe jacket and a buttonde cappe. Item I gyue vnto s<sup>r</sup> George Lee a mette of wheate. Item I geve vnto George Arnalde my son and to Jenat Burye my doughter my lease of ij closes at wyll lone heade duryngē the yeares after my dissease that ar not expyrede. Item I wyll that George Arnalde my son shall haue all my toyles ptaynyngē to my occupation. Item I geue vnto Jenat Burye my doughter all my brewyngē vessell. The Resydewe of all my goodē not bequyathede, my dettes and funerall expensis payde, Item I gyue and bequyathe vnto Thomas Arnalde, George Arnalde, and Jenat Burye, my chyldryngē, to be devydede emonge

them by even porsyons, whome I make my executors of thys my last wyll. Also I make supvyers of this my last will, Withm Casson and Richarde Lowes. These beyng wytnesses, John Dyconson, Xpofer Kyrke, sr George Lee, wythe other.—[*Proved 26 July, 1557.*]

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RICHARD LEWIS, OF PONTEFRAC T.

(xv. j. 317 b.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the vij<sup>th</sup> day of May in the yeare of our lorde God a thowsande fyve hundrythe fyftye and seven. I Richarde Lewis, of Pontefracte, hole of mynde and of good remembrance, makethe this my last will and testamente in maner and forme folowyng. Fyrst I geve and bequythe my soule vnto almyghtye god and to our blessed lady sancte Marye and to all the holy companye of heaven, and my bodye to be buryede in the churche yearde of Alhalowes in Pomfracte. Also I bequeathe to Katheren my wyf my howse in Cawode wythe all the landes and all thynges ther to belongyng for the terme of her naturall lyfe accordyng to my cōmandment in my maredge, and after the disceace of the said Katheryn my wyfe to remayne to George Lewis my youngest sonne to hym his heyres for ever. Also I bequyathe to Richard Lewis my sonn for a foull contentaçon of his childe parte xxxxs that Edwarde Houngeate of Bramham owyth vnto me yf he be contente to take it thankfullye, and if not to remayne to my executors, for I take yt of my charge that he hathe had yt of me in pennyworthe twentye markes that he owyth vnto me. The Residew of my goodē not bequyathed, my dettes paide, my funerall expensis made the day of my buryall, I giue them frelye to Katheryn my wyfe, whom I make my full executors of this my last will and testamente, and I desyre Lyonell Roleston my father in lowe and Nycholes Mavlevareye, gentleman, and James Roleston, yoman, to be supvyers of this my last will and testamente, and they to haue my sonn George in ther governance wythe landes, leases, and goodes vntyll he be twentye yeares and one of aige. Thes beyng wytnesses, Lyonell Roleston, Robert Shawe, Wythm Tyasse, Withm Westroppe, Roberte Spynsse, John Roleston.—[*Proved 26 July, 1557.*]

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JOHN ROGER, OF METHLEY.

(xv. i. 318 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the xij<sup>th</sup> day of November in the yeare of our lorde god a thowsand fyue hundrythe fyftye and eyght. I John Roger, of Methleye, of good memorye, thanks be to god, makeythe this my laste wyll and testamente in maner and forme folowyng. Fyrste I bequyathe my sowle to God Almyghtye my creator and redemer and to our blessed ladye sancte Marye and to all the holye companye of heaven, and my body to [be] beryede wythe in the churche yeard of sancte Oswalde of the said Methleye. Item I bequyathe to the most nedes of the churche ijs. The resydewe of all my goodes not bequyathed, the full costes and charges borne at my buryall, I geve to Jenat my wyfe, whome I make and ordayne my lawfull executor. Thes beyng wytnesses, syr George Tayllyer, chaplyn, Roberte Gyge, John Mies, Thomas Mytley & John Oytes.—[*Proved 28 Nov., 1558.*]

## EDMUND PARKER, OF ROTHWELL HAIGH, YEOMAN.

(xx. j. 318 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxiiij<sup>th</sup> daye of Apryll in the yeare of our lorde god a thousande fyve hundrythe fyfty and seiven. I Edmonde P'ker, of Roithewell haie wythein the pishe of Roithwell and countye of Yorke, yoman, lyenge in extremys, beyng of hole mynd and pfyte remembrance (thanks be vnto god), do constitute, ordayne and make thys my laste testamente wherein is declarede my laste will in maner and forme folowyng. Furste I bequythe my soule to the mercye of almyghtie god my creator and Redemptor, to the blessed virgyn Marye, and all the sanctes in heaven, and my deade corps or bodye to be buryede wythe in the Churche yearde of thafforesaide Roithwell foranempste the saide church porch. Also I wyll that my house shalbe kepte together one hole yeare after my discease as yt is at this daye. Also I geve and bequythe to euery one of my iij doughters thre poundes sex shillynge and eighte pennis, And also eu'y one of them one quarter of rye corne to be delyverede to theym before the feaste of sancte Mychell tharchangell nexte comynge. Further I will that the howse that I now dwell vpon wythe the olde Riveles grave wodde and the new launde shall goo together, fortye shillinges Rente that George Dobson haithe now in occupaçon onelye exceptede, wiche said fortye shillinges rente I will that the said George Dobson have yt styll duryng my lease payinge therfore the saide rente. Also I will that Francis Byrkedall shall haue one lytle close wiche Edmonde Fenton occupyede withe one pte of one other close wiche Adam Byrkdall dyd occupye duryng my lease payinge therfore yearlye [blank] And further I will that the carre wythe the olde lande and Kyrkenabbe shall goo togethers. And then I will that Wiłm P'ker my sonn shalbe in chose whether pte that he will take. Also I gyue and bequythe my lease of Haggstoncliffe to the sonns of George Dobson, Lawrence Sponge, and Thomas Cowp. Also I geve and bequythe to the mendynge of the hyghe waies betwyxe Leedes and Waikelfelde in the carr lone thyrtyne shyllinges and four pence. Also I geve and bequyathe to Robert P'kere one nagge. Also I will that my fun'all expences be maide of all my hole goodē. Also I will that twentye shillingē rente shalbe taken fourthe of the byrke nabbe for a nobyt, masse & derige to be downe yearlye for my sowle healthe, and the money that shalbe spared to be delte vnto the pore people. The residewe of all my goodē and cattells not bequyted, my dette, fun'all expences, and legaces before expressed discharged and payde, I will that Margaret Parker my wyfe and Wiłm P'ker my sonn haue them and order them at their discession for the healthe of my sowle, whome I make and cōstitute thexecutors of this my p'sent last will and testamente. Also I desyre Syr John Hagger, preste, the vicar of Rothwell, John Ashelay, Hemeswor of gaynerie, and Gylbte Dobson, of Oulton, to be supervisors of this my last will and testament, and eu'ry one of them to haue for ther paynes takynge thyrtyne shillinges & iiij<sup>d</sup>. Thes beyng wytnesses, syr John Hagger, clarke, Vicar of Rothewell, John Asheley, Thomas Hemesworth, and Gylberte Dobson, wythe other moo as Francis Byrkedalle.—

[Proved 20 July, 1557.]

## RICHARD HARRISON, OF STANLEY.

(xx. i. 323 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the viij<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our lord god 1557. I Richard Harryson, of Standley in the pyshe of Wakefelde in the countye of Yorke, being of good and pfett memory, laud and prayse be vnto allmyghtye god, make and ordayne this my presente last will and testament in man' and forme followynge, that ys to say. Fyrst and pryncypally I cõmend my soull vnto Allmyghtye god my maker and redemer, to our lady St Mary the virgyn, and to all the holy company of heauen, and my body to be buryed in the pyshe churche yerde of Wakefelde aforesaid. It' I bequeathe to Thomas Arnall the yonger three ewes, thre lambes, one whye styrke, the greater Ambrey whiche standethe in my house, and iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> in money. It' I bequeathe to Thomas Arnall thelder vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> in money. It' I bequeathe to Anne Johnson one ewe, one lame. It' I giue and bequeathe to Mr Bryan Bradforde my lande lorde my best oxen or beasts at my house. The rest and residewe of all my goodde and cattalls before not bequeathed nor gyven, my dett and fun'all expenses thereof paid and done, I giue and bequeathe vnto Agnes my wyfe and Bryan Harryson my sonne, equally to be devided betwixte them. And I ordayne, constitute, and make the said Bryan my sonne my hooll and full executor of this my presente last will and testament. And I make, ordayne, and constitute the said Bryan Bradforde the supvisor of the same to se allthinge hearin contayned well and trulye fulfilled and pformed accordingly. Thes beyng wytnes, John Clarkson, John Gryme, Richard Browney, George Thompson, w<sup>t</sup> others.—[*Proved 29 Sept., 1557, by Agnes, the widow, guardian of Brian, the son, a minor.*]

## WILLIAM STOCKALL, OF MONKHILL, SHOEMAKER.

(xx. j. 328 a.)

In the name of God amen: the xxvj<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord 1557<sup>o</sup>. I WiHm Stockall, of Mon[k]hill, shoumaker, hooll of mynde and god remembrance, makethe this my last will & testament in this maner and forme followinge. Fyrst I cõmend my soull vnto the hande of allmyghtye god, and my body to be buryed wythin the churche yerd of all hallowes in Pontefract. It' I bequeath to John Stockall children a yew and a lambe emonge theme, and to John Atkynson childer a yew and a lambe emonge them, and to Jennet my doughter a yew and a lambe. It' to Isabell my doughter a landyron after the decesse of Agnes my wyfe. It' I giue and bequeathe to John Stockall my sonne fouer mark in money or in other stuffe or in household go[o]ld, and after the decesse of my wyfe the take of my house. It' I giue to Elsabethe my daughter w<sup>ch</sup> is John Atkinson wyfe xx<sup>s</sup>. It' to the hye alter viij<sup>d</sup>. The rest of all my goodde not bequeathed nor gyven, my children porçons paid and my dett paid, I giue them frelye to Agnes my wyfe, Jennett, Isabell, and Agnes my doughters, whom I make my full executrices. In witnes wherof, Sr Richard Rediall, clarke, Sr Alexander Caraver, curate, Robert Blesseby, WyHm Atkinson, and Thomas Glewe, w<sup>th</sup> other moo.—[*Proved 29 Sept., 1557, by the daughters, Agnes, the widow, being dead.*]

## RICHARD HOLLINGS, OF KIRSKELD, WHEELWRIGHT.

(xv. j. 332a.)

In the name of God Amen: The vj<sup>th</sup> day of August in the yer of our lord god 1557. I Richard Holinge, of Kirskelde w<sup>thin</sup> the countye of Yorke & of the pishe of Adle, whelewright, seke in body and hooll of mynde and of good remembrance (thankē be vnto allmyhtye God), makethe this my last will & testament in man' & forme followinge. First I giue and bequeathe my soull vnto Allmyghtye God my maker & to my redemer Jesu christ, besecheninge our blessed lady S<sup>t</sup> Marye and all the blessed company of heauen to pray for me that my soull may take place amongst the electe and chosen people of god, and my body to be buryed within my pishe churche or churche yeard of S<sup>t</sup> John the Baptiste of Adle. It' I giue & bequeath vnto John Lofthus all my tymbre felde and vnfelde w<sup>thin</sup> the felde of Burdon and also xx<sup>tie</sup> gauge of speakes. Also I giue and bequeathe vnto Steven Stable xx<sup>tie</sup> gauge of fellows and a blake stagg & a reede quye and a blake stott. It' I giue vnto Jennet my wyfe the hooll interest & goodwill of my farmeholde duringe her lyfe naturall, and after her decesse I giue yt vnto John Lofthous, and if yt shall please God to call hym to his mereye then I giue and bequeathe the same vnto Henry Lofthous. The residew of all other my goodē moueable and vn-moueable vnbequeathed, my dette paid and my fun'all expenses maide the daye of my buriall, I gyve them frelye and hollye vnto Jennett my wyfe, whome I ordayne and make my full executrix of this my last will and testament to dispose for my soull healthe as she shall thinke good. Thes beinge witnes, Wiłm Gill, John Lofthous, Wiłm Wayte.—[*Proved 15 Sept., 1557.*]

## GEORGE PIKARD, OF OTLEY, YEOMAN.

(xv. j. 332a.)

In the name of God Amen: The xxix<sup>th</sup> of August in the year of our lord God 1557. I George Pykerd, of Otley in the countye of Yorke, yoman, do ordayne and make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followynge. First I bequeathe my soull to the mereye of all-myghtye God & my redemer Jhu christ, beseching our blessed lady S<sup>t</sup> Marye and all the celestiall company of heauen to pray for me that yt may take place emongest the elect people of God, and my body to be buryed w<sup>thin</sup> the churche yeard of Otley nigh vnto the palmecrosse. It' I will that my mortuarye be paid accordinge to the lawe. It' I will that my goodē be devided into thre pte, one pte to my wyfe, another to my selfe, and the thirde to my children. Also I bequeathe all my interest, title, and possession of my farmeholde and my take therof to Margarett my wyfe duringe her lyfe naturall, and after her deathe vnto George my sonne yf he can optayne the landeslord favor. Also I giue vnto the said George my son one counter and also a swerd and a buckler, and to Effay P'ker my doughter one ambrey whiche was her owne. Allso I make Margaret my wyfe, Effay P'ker my doughter, Richard, Tho., and George, my sonnes, Alyce and Agnes my doughters, my executors of this my last will and testament, my dette to be payd of my hooll goodē, my fun'all expenses, legacies, and other duties to be paid of my pte of goodē. The residewe of all my pte of goodē I giue vnto my said wyfe Margaret and my said children.

Thes beyng wytnes, Sr Anthonye Jackson, clerke, Thomas Dunwell, of Otley, Wiſhm Steide, and Wiſhm Dickson.—[*Proved 15 Sept., 1557, by Margaret, the widow, Richard, George, Alice, and Agnes. Grant reserved to William and Thomas, Euphemia renouncing.*]

JOHN PERSON, OF METHLEY, YEOMAN.

(xv. j. 333 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxvij day of Julye in the year of our lord God 1557. I John Person, of Methley in the countye of Yorke, yoman, pſett in mynd and memorye and seke in body, makethe this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. Fyrst I bequeathe my soule to the holye and glorious Trinytie of heauen and to the blessed and holy S<sup>t</sup> Marye the virgyne and mother of god, the second pson in trinite, and my body to be buryed w<sup>th</sup>in the pyshe churche yerd of Methley, evermore trustinge and in stedfast beleve throughe the glorious and paynefull passion of o<sup>r</sup> lord Jhu chryst to be one of thos chossen & elete children of God at the last resurrection and dredfull day of Judgement, and to company wythe o<sup>r</sup> holy father Abraham, Isaac, and Jacobe, and all other the holy company of heauen. Also I gyve and bequeathe to Wiſhm Person my son in full recompence, satisfaccon, and contentation of his chylde porcon, fouer jackette, iiij dublette, two payre of whyte hoose, one mattres, one coverlett, one payre of sameron shete, ij olde angells of golde, one grete Iron chymney, one gret brasse pott, one axe, one hatchett, one browlynge yrne, twoo yron spette, the one broken, two yron toughwethes, one ambrey, two chyste, one grete balde meare, one whyte nagg, and one rede whye wythe calve. Also I giue and bequeathe to Elisabethe my daughter in full recompence and satisfaccon of her childe porcon ix<sup>li</sup> in golde and silver, two kye, the one called whytehorne and the other nyghtgaill, two brasse pott, thre dublers, thre pewther dishes, one mattres, two cou'lette, one payre of lynne shetes, one payr of harden shette, two bolsters, two pillowes, two pilloberes, too towells, one shorte girdle wythall that belonge therto, and two cuple of ewes and lambes. Also I bequeathe to Robert Kirbye one ewe lambe. Also I bequeathe to Isabell Kyrkbye one ewe lambe. Also I bequeathe to George Kyrkbye one dublett, one payre of over worne hoose. Also I bequeathe to Wyſhm Kyrkebye one blacke jackett wythout sleves and one bukskyn dublett. Also I bequeathe to eu<sup>y</sup> one of my godchildren ij<sup>d</sup>. Also I will that Agnes my wyfe yf yt happen or forton the brigg called the newe brige to be remoued and maid newe shall pay or cause to be paid for the remendinge as ys aforesaid xiijs<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Also I wyll yf the said Agnes my wyfe do clayme, challenge, and recover the thirde of all my lande that then my said sonne Wyſhm Peerson shall haue the hooll lease of certayne grounde wythin Rothwell and also the halfe lease of meddopp to hym and his assigns, and also yf the said Agnes my wyfe stande and be contented wythall thos lande whiche I haue appoynted vnto her and do nether clame, challenge, then recover the thirde as ys beforesaid, I will that the said hooll lease and halfe lease as ys beforesaid shall holy remayne to the said Agnes my wyfe, to Jennett and Margery my daughters and to ther assigns. The residew of all my gooder not gyven then bequested I

giue and bequeathe to the said Agnes my wyfe, Jennett and Margerye my doughters, whome I make my lawfull executrices to dispose for the healthe of my soull as they shall thinke most mete and conveyent. Thes beyng wytnes, Robert Nallson, Robert Gige, Robert Warde, and Wiſhm Pratt.—*[Proved 16 Sept., 1557, by the widow. Grant reserved to daughters, minors.]*

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NICHOLAS DOBSON, OF LOFTHOUSE.

(xv. j. 333 b.)

In the name of God Amen: The xxvjth of Januarie in the year of our lord god m<sup>d</sup>v<sup>e</sup>lvj that I, Nycholas Dobson, of lofthouse of the pyshe of Rothewell, of hooll mynde and pfett remembrance, dothe constitute, ordayne, and maike hearin this present worlde my last will and testament in the maner and forme hereafter followynge. Fyrst I giue and bequeathe my soull vnto God Almightye and to our blessed lady saynt Mary and to all the holye company of heauen, and my body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the churche yearde of the blessed Trenytye of Rothevell. Allso I giue and bequeathe vnto the blessed sacrament for tythes and oblacons forgotten viij<sup>d</sup>. Also I bequeathe and assigne all my hooll farmeholde after my deathe vnto Anthony Dobson and Raufe Dobson my sonnes and they to occupye yt joyntlye together; also yt ys my will and mynde that my dette whiche I do owe be payd of my hooll goodē to the vttermost penny. Also I bequeathe to John Dobson my sonne one yewe and one lambe in full contentaçon of his childe portion. Allso I bequeathe to James Dobson my sonne one yewe and one lambe in full contentaçon of his childe portion. Also I bequeathe to Steven Dobson my sonne xx<sup>s</sup> in full contentation of his childe porçon. Allso I bequeathe vnto Isabell Remyngton my doughter the wife of John Remyngton vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> in full contentation and satisfaction of her portion; also I bequeathe to Alys Remyngton [*blank*] doughter one yewe and one lambe. Allso I bequeath to Jennett Dobson my doughter iiij<sup>li</sup> in full contentaçon and satisfaction for her childe portion. Allso yt ys my mynde and wyll that my executor shall pay vnto Robert Helvisse xv<sup>s</sup> whiche I have in kepinge of his chylde portion at suche tyme as he shall come to lawfull yeres of aige. Allso the residewe of all my other goodē not bequeathed moueable and vnmoueable, my dette paid, fun'all expenses mayde, I gyve and bequeathe vnto Antony Dobson and Raufe Dobson my sonnes, whome I make my full and lauffull executors, and they for to transpose some pte therof for the healthe of my soull as they thinke the best. In wytnes hearof I the foresaid Nycholas Dobson vnto this my last will I haue setto my marke the day and yeare abouesaid. In the presence of Thomas Gamyll, Rauffe more, Thomas Apleyerd, John Talyer, and wytnesses.—*[Proved 16 Sept., 1557.]*

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THOMAS SWANSON, OF WAKEFIELD.

(xv. j. 333 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the first day of September in the year of our lord God 1557. I Thom's Swanson, of the pyshe of Wakefeilde, of hooll and pfett remembrance, make this my last will and testament in maner & forme followynge, fyrst I bequeathe my soull vnto allmyghty God and to our lady saynt Mary and to all the blessed company of heauen,

and my body to be buryed in the churche yerde of Allhallowes in Wakefelde. Also I bequeathe vnto Thomas Swanson one ewe hogg. Allso I wyll that my dette be payd of my hooll goodē. The residew of my goodē not gyven, my dette paid and fun'all expenses mayd, I giue them to Richard Swanson, Wiłm Swanson, George Swanson, and Nycholas Swanson, whome I make my full executors of this my last will and testament. Thes beyngē [wytneſ], Lyonell Barker, Wiłm Boillynge, John Hyll, w<sup>th</sup> other.—[*Proved 26 Sept., 1557.*]

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THOMAS CLAPHAM, OF WAKEFIELD.

(xv. j. 334 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the seconde day of November in the year of our lord God 1556. I Thomas Claph'm, of Wakefeld, seke in body and hooll of mynde and good of remēbrance, make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge. First I giue and bequeathe my soull to God Allmyghtie, to our lady S<sup>t</sup> Mary, and to all the celestyall company in heauen, and my body to be buryed wythin the churche yerde at Wakefelde. It I gyve to Water Claph'm my sonne the sōme of x<sup>s</sup> and one blake colte, and yt to stande for hys childe porçon. The residewe of all my goodē I giue them to Isabell Claph'm my wyfe, whome I make and ordayne to be my full and onlye executrix, she to pay my dette and dispose for my soull as my trust ys in her. Thes beyngē witnes, s<sup>r</sup> James Brodbentt, my curate, Jeffraye Richardson, John Killingbeke, Lyonell Clyffe, and Thomas Parke, wythe other moo.—[*Proved 26 Sept., 1557.*]

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JOHN DAWSON, OF SOUTH MILFORD, HUSBANDMAN.

(xv. j. 336 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xijth day of August in the year of our lord God m<sup>d</sup>ccceclvij. I John Dawson, of southe Mylforthe, husbandman, hooll of mynde and seke of body, beyngē of good and pfect memorye, makes thys my last wyll and testament in maner and forme followynge. Fyrst I bequeathe my soull vnto God Allmyghtye and vnto the glorious and blessed virgyn saynt Marie and vnto all the celestiaall company of heauen, and my body to be buryed in the pishe churche of Sherburne. Also I bequeathe vnto the highe alter of the said churche xij<sup>d</sup>. Item I bequeathe vnto John Richardson my son in law one quarter of barlye. It I bequeathe vnto Robert Dawson my sonne one quarter of barlie. Item I bequeathe vnto Richard Richardson the sonne of the aforesaid John Richardson one yewe. Item I bequeathe vnto Jennett Dawson one yewe. Item I bequeath vnto eu'y one of my sonne Thomas Dawson children one yewe a pece and vnto s<sup>r</sup> John Talier iiij<sup>d</sup>. The residewe of my goodē not gyven nor bequest, my dette and fun'all expenses paide, fynyshe and ended, I giue and bequeathe them vnto John Dawson, Mergaret Dawson, and Anne Dawson, my children, who I do ordayne and make my executors of this my last will and testament. In wytneſ hearof, S<sup>r</sup> Richard Hemsley, vicar iſbm, Thomas Barton, Thomas Sykes, John Chellowe, wythe other moo.—[*Proved 28 Sept., 1557, by John and Margaret. Grant reserved to Anne.*]



## JOHN GODFREY, OF ARMLEY, HUSBANDMAN.

(xv. j. 336 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxj<sup>th</sup> day of M<sup>c</sup>he, Anno D<sup>n</sup>i 1556. I John Godfray, of Armeley in the countye of Yorke, husbandman, beyng of hoolle mynde and pfett memory, makethe this my last wyll and testament in man<sup>r</sup> and forme followynge. Fyrst I gyve my soull to allmyghtye god and to our lady saynt Marye and to all the saynte in heauen, and my body to be buried in my pishe churchē yearde of saynt Peter at Leedē. Also my dette shalbe paid of my hoolle goodē. Also my goodē shalbe devided in thre pte, one pte I gyve to my wyfe, a nother to my children, and that that remayneth of my pte, my fun<sup>al</sup> expens<sup>s</sup> discharged and dette paid, I giue vnto Isabell my wyfe, whome I make hooll executrix of this my last wyll and testament. Also I giue vnto Isabell my wyfe my lease or interest of my farmeholde duryng her wedoheade, and yf yt chance that she marye agayne, than I will that my children shall haue yt to ther proper vse. Thes beyng wytnes, S<sup>r</sup> Xpofer Brodley, vicar of Leedē, Xpofer Sampson, John Walker, and Wy<sup>l</sup>m Cawdray, wythe others. Also I make Xpofer Sampson and my mother Eliz. Godfray, supvisors of this my last wyll.—[*Proved 28 Sept., 1557.*]

## JOHN SPINKE, OF CASTLEY.

(xv. j. 336 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: the fyrst day of August in the year of our lord God m<sup>d</sup>ccccvij. I John Spynke, of Castley wythin the countye of Yorke, of holl mynde and pfett memorye but seke of body, laude and prayse be to God, do make my last wyll and testament in manner and forme followinge. Fyrst and pryncipally I yelde & bequeathe my soull to Almyghtye God my maker and redemer, to our lady saynt Mary, and to the hole celestially company of heauen, and my mortall body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the churchē earthe of Leythley. It' I gyve for my mortuarie as the lawes requyrethe. It' I giue and bequeathe to Henry my sonne one battell axe and to Edward my sonne my swerd. It' I bequeathe to the said Henry and Edward my sonnes all my plowes and ploughe geare together wythall my waynes, cowpes, yocke, teymes & harrowes, and all other thinge apptenyng and belongeing the said plowghes and waynes. It'm I giue and bequeathe to Jennet my doughter one blacke cowe of the fyrst calfe. It' I giue to Margaret my doughter one dou<sup>l</sup> whye. Item I gyve to Isabell and Eliz. my doughters ether of them one quye. Wher the right worshipfull maister Henry Arthington owethe vnto me for one quarter oitē vj<sup>s</sup>, I gyve and bequeathe to the said M<sup>r</sup> Arthington the said vj<sup>s</sup>, humblye requyrng hym to be good m<sup>r</sup> to my poore wyfe and children wythe his good counsell at suche tymes as they shall stande nede therof. The residewe of my goodē, my dette paid and my fun<sup>al</sup> expens<sup>s</sup> discharged, I giue to Eliz<sup>l</sup> my wyfe and to my chyl dren equallie to be devided emongest them. It' I constitute, ordayne, and make Eliz. my wyfe, Henry and Edward my sonnes, myne executors of this my last will. Thes beyng witnesses, Sir Thomas Helme, prest, my curate, Richerd Waid, Robert Day, John Dybb, Marke Thompson, w<sup>th</sup> other moo.—[*Proved 28 Sept., 1557.*]

THOMAS HARDWICK, OF POTTERNEWTON, GENTN.<sup>1</sup>

(xv. j. 360 b.)

In the name of God Amen: the iijth day of June in the thyrde and fourthe yeares of the Reignes of sou'aigne lord and lady Philipp and Marye by the grace of God kinge and quene of England, Hispane, France, both Cicilies, Jer'lem, and Irelande, Defenders of the faythe, Archeduke of Austrie, Dukes of Myllane, Burgunde, and Brabant, Counties of the Haspurge, Flanders, and Tyrolls. I Thomas Hardweke, of Potternewton in the countie of Yorke, gent., beyng hole of mynde and in good and pfett remembrance, thank be vnto allmyghtie God, and knowynge the vncertayntye of lyfe, dothe make this my last wyll and testament in manner and forme followinge. Fyrst I giue and bequeath my soull to allmyghtie God my creator and Redemer, trustinge that I bothe body and soull throughe the merytes of Chryste deathe and passion shall haue eu'lastyng lyfe, I giue and beq'athe my body to be buryed wythin the pyshe churche at Leedes or in any other churche where yt shall please God to call me to his mercye. Item I giue and bequeathe xx<sup>li</sup> lauffull Inglyshe money to be distributed emongest the poore people dwellinge and inhabytyng wythin the pyshe of Leede and Ilkeley in manner and forme folowynge, that ys to say, yearly duryng the space of fower yeares to the poore people of the pishe of Leedes, every yeare fyve mark, and to the poore people wythin the pyshe of Ilkeley, eu'y yeare duryng the sayd fower yeares xxxiiij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue and bequeathe to my sonne and hayre Thomas Hardwicke my cheyne of golde and the so<sup>m</sup>e of a hundrethe poundes in golde to be delyu'ed vnto hym by my executors at suche tyme as he shall accomplyshe the aige of xxij<sup>o</sup> yeares toward the furnysheyng of hys house. Item I giue to Katheren Hardwicke my doughter one sylver bowle, a sylver copp, a flatt sylver pece, a lytle sylu'salte, and sex sylver spones. Item I giue to the said Katheren my doughter all suche so<sup>m</sup>es of money as Franc<sup>e</sup> Pasley dothe owe vnto me at this day by a byll or by dede oblygatorye or otherwayes, whiche so<sup>m</sup>e ys two hundrethe mark and fortye thre pound. Also I giue to the sayd Katheren Hardwycke so muche money as shall maik the same extende and amou<sup>n</sup>te to the so<sup>m</sup>e of fower hundrethe mark in full contenta<sup>c</sup>on satisfac<sup>c</sup>on, and payment of her thyrde parte & por<sup>c</sup>on. Item I giue to Edythe my welbeloued wyfe the so<sup>m</sup>e of a hundrethe mark in golde and sylver vpon condy<sup>c</sup>on that she wythe the sayme shall pursue the lawe wythe effecte agaynste the sayd Frauncys Paslewe for all suche so<sup>m</sup>es of money as he dothe owne vnto me the sayd Thomas Hardwycke at this daye, and not to agree wythe the said Francys Pasley otherwyse then the lawe wyll. Also I wyll that the resydewe of all my playte before not gyven shalbe equallye devided betwyxte the sayd Edythe my wyfe and Thomas Hardwicke my sonne, and Thomas pte to be delyu'ed vnto hym at suche tyme as he shall accomplyshe the full aige of xxij yeares. Item I giue to Edithe my wyfe the two ptes of all my landes wythin Potternewton or els wheare wythin the countye of Yorke vnto suche tyme as my son Thomas come and accomplishe the full aige of xxij<sup>th</sup> yeares upon

(1) He married Edith, daughter of Costan Bampton. His son Thomas married Ann, daughter of Lyon Reresby. Their estates in Potternewton were eventually inherited by William, Earl Cowper. See pedigree Thoresby's *Ducatus Leod.*, 2nd ed., p. 121.

condiçon that she duringe the said tyme do keep her wedowheade, and then I wyll that at suche tyme as my said sonne Thomas do accomplyshe the said aige of xxij yeares that my wyfe shall haue the thyrde pte of my lande over and besydes her owne lande aswell copyholde as freholde whiche she hathe wythin the countye of Yorke. Also I wyll the other thyrde pte, beyng the Resydewe of all my said lande, go to the chefe lorde or lorde of whome the sayd lande ar holden duryng the nōaige of my said sonne Thomas Hardeweke towardē his fyndinge and bringyng vpp accordinge to the lawes and statutes of this realme. Also I giue to my father in lawe Costan Bampton my satan dublett, and to my welbeloued mother my blacke wursett gowne furred wythe conye. Also I giue to my suster Jennet Garthefurthe fyve marke, to my syster Margaret xx<sup>s</sup>. It' I giue to my brother Wy<sup>l</sup>m Hardeweke my beste blacke gowne faced wythe sarsnytt, and I giue to my sayd brother Wy<sup>l</sup>m and my suster his wyfe ether of them one angell of golde. It' I giue to Syr Wy<sup>l</sup>m Brame xx<sup>s</sup>. It' I giue to Margaret Hardwycke my brother doughter fyve marke and to Robert Hardeweke her brother brother [*sic*] fyve marke. Also I giue to Margaret Garthfurthe my suster doughter other fyve marke towardes the p<sup>r</sup>ferment of ther maraiges. Also I giue to Wy<sup>l</sup>m Hardeweke sonne of Thomas Hardeweke, of Horsforthe, decessed, vij<sup>li</sup> to be taken of thysheues and profette of his lande over and besydes his chylde pte and bryninge vpp in learnyng and to be gyven hym at suche tyme as he shall come to full aige. Item I gyve to Wy<sup>l</sup>m Vavasour my s<sup>u</sup>nte xxx<sup>s</sup>, and to Robert Hardeweke thelder my s<sup>u</sup>nte xxx<sup>s</sup>. Also I gyve to Alexander Pasley my servant xx<sup>s</sup>. Also I giue to eu<sup>y</sup> one of my s<sup>u</sup>nte vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, Rychard Ellis, Thomas Ellis, and Margaret Ellis excepte, whom I giue to everye one of them xl<sup>s</sup>. It' I giue to my brother John Estley my blacke gowne furred wythe connye. Also I will that yf my syster Estley do over lyve my brother Estley and me, that then I will that Edithe my wyfe and Thomas my sonne shall fynde her meate, drynke, fyer, chamber, and other thinges necessarye of ther costes and charges duringe her naturall lyfe. Also I giue to s<sup>r</sup> Arthure Darcy my mayster the sōme of x<sup>li</sup> vpon condiçon that Wi<sup>l</sup>m Vavasor my s<sup>u</sup>nte ymediatly after my deathe shall ryde to London and requyre the said S<sup>r</sup> Arthure Darcy to gett and optayne the wardshippe of my sonne at the kinge hande, and my wyfe to beare the charges of suche sōmes of money as the said s<sup>r</sup> Arthure shall disburse for the optaynyng and gettinge of my said sonne, so that she may haue the wardshipp of hym at her pleaso<sup>r</sup>. And the said s<sup>r</sup> Arthure to haue the sayd x<sup>li</sup> declare onlye for his paynes takinge. The residewe of all my goode vpon stotte, stotte kyne, shepe, and all other maner of yonge nowte whatsoever they be at Marley, Potternewton, Stanke, and Royde, as all other householde goode, bedding, pottē, pañes, and other hustilment of householde whatsoever they bee, and all dette w<sup>ch</sup> at this day I am owinge, I give vnto Edithe my wyfe, whome I maike my full and sole executrix of this my last wyll and testament, so that she pay all legacies mentyoned and before expressed in this my present will and also all other dette wyche by the order of the lawe I ought to paye. Also I giue to S<sup>r</sup> Xpofer Bradley, vicar of Leede, x<sup>s</sup>. Also I make John Mydleton and Francys Palmes, Esquiers, supvisors of this my wyll, And I gyve to ether of them for ther paynes takinge xx<sup>s</sup>, trustinge that they will se the same

p'formed. In wytnes wherof I the said Thomas Hardweke to this my p'sent will haue setto my seale and subscribed my name the day and yeares aboue wrytten. Thes beinge wytnesses, Sr Xpofer Bradley, vicar of Leedes, Wiłm Vavasor, Robert Hardwicke, Richard Adeocke, John Androwe, and Thomas Jeffrayson, wythe others.—[*Proved 21 Oct., 1557.*]

LAWRENCE LYNDLEY, OF LEATHLEY, GENTN.<sup>1</sup>

(xv. j. 370 b.)

In the name of God amen: the xxiiijth of Maij, m̄ccccelviij. I Laurance Lyndley, of Leathley in the countye of Yorke, gent., beyng of pfect mynde and memorye, thankē be to allmyghtye God, do ordayne and maikē thys my last wyll and testament in maner and forme followynge. Fyrst I gyve and bequeathe my soull to allmyghtye God my maker and redemer, and my body to be buryed in Xpian mens buryall wher yt shall please God to call me to his mercye. Also I giue and bequeathe to Elisabethe my wyfe my hooll interest and lease of Leeds myl[n]es and th' occupaçon therof vntyll suche tyme my sonne John Lyndley come to thaige of xxiiij yeres, to helpe her to brynge vpp all my chyldren. Item I giue and bequeath to Elisabethe my wyfe my interest and lease of Deane grange. Item I giue and bequeathe my Lease of Leatheley to my said wyfe duryng the terme of yeares yet to come to bryng vpp my said chyldren wythe. Also I wyll that my said wyfe shall yearlye frome hencefurthe at the feast of Ester contente and pay to Thomas Hardwicke, gent., and Richard Boothe to the vse and behalfe of my chyldren, that ys to say, Francys Lyndley, Henry Lyndley, Wyłm Lyndley, and Margaret Lyndley, the somē of twentie markes of lafull money of Englande to be equallye devided emongest them, when they or any of them shall come to the aige of xxj<sup>th</sup> yeares. And that my sayd wife wyth sufficiente suerties wythe her shall stande bonden to the said Thomas Hardweke and Richard Boothe for the payment of the sayd somē of xx<sup>tie</sup> markē to be trulye contented and paide eu'y yeare at the said feast of Ester to the sayd vse as then learned counsel shall devise. And I will that all my said goodē and cattalls beyng devided in three pte (viz.), the fyrst part for my selfe to beare my fun'all expenses and charges, the seconde for my wyfe, and the thyrde pte to be equallye devided amongst my chyldren Frauncys Lyndley, Henry Lyndley, Wyłm and Margaret Lyndley. Also I wyll that the Residewe of my parte, my fun'all expenses borne, be disposed in maner and forme followynge, viz., To Margaret Lyndley my doughter vj<sup>li</sup> xiijs iiij<sup>d</sup>. To Francys Lyndley my seconde sonne xl<sup>s</sup>. To Henry Lyndley & Wyłm Lyndley my two other sonnes ether of them xl<sup>s</sup>. Also I wyll that the said Thomas Hardwicke and Boothe shall yearlye receyve the hooll yeares rentē of all my cōpye holde lande in Leedē and Leedē Woodehouse, or els wher w<sup>th</sup>in the countye of Yorke to the vse of my sayd children vntill they come to thaige of xxj<sup>tie</sup> yeares. Item I gyve to Richarde Boothe, of Leedē, all my freeholde lande in Leedē aforesaid for ever. Item I giue and bequeathe to Vmfray Hodgeson my s'unte th' occupaçon of one close in Leatheley called Myre close duryng his lyfe wythe out my thinge payinge therfore. Item I giue and bequeathe to Sir Ed-

(1) Son of Christopher Lyndley, whose will is printed *ante*, vol. xix, p. 29.

warde Lyndley, preist, his houses and teñte that he dwellethe vpon duryng his naturall lyfe wytheout any thinge paynge therfore to singe and pray for my soull at Lethley or els wher. It I ordayne and maike Francys Palmes, of Lyndley, esquier, and Thomas Hardwicke, of Newton, gent', Mathew Redman, gent', and Elisabethe my wyfe myne executors of this my last wyll and testament. Item I ordayne and maike Cuthbert Layton, knyght, my vncle in lawe, Richard Boothe, and Thomas Lyndley, yomā, supvisors of this my last wyll and testament. Item I giue to Thomas Lyndley my cosyn v<sup>li</sup> wythe my gray horse heare beyng. Item I giue to Richard Booth, of Leede, my brother in lawe, v markē for ther paynes to be taken hearin. Item I giue and bequeathe to the church of Leathley xx<sup>s</sup>. Item I gyve and bequeathe to be distributed amongst the poore people wythin the pishe of Leathley xx<sup>s</sup>. It I will that my executors receyve the profette and yearly rentē of all my socaige landē in Leathley, Farnley, and Shadwell, or els wythin England for the pformance of this my last wyll duryng the nōaige of John Lyndley. The residue of all my goodē not bequeathed, all my dettē and fun'all expens' paid, I giue to myne executors. In wytnes of this my last will and testament I haue subscribed my name w<sup>th</sup> myne owne hande the yeare and day aboue-wrytten. Wytnesses hearof, Sir Cuthbert Layton, knyght, Sir Robert Knyght, prest, Thomas Lyndley, Raufe Burrell, Xpofer Emerson, Xpofer Ackson, Robert Fawkenor, Robert Kendall, and Henry Martyn, w<sup>the</sup> other. Lawrence Lyndley.—[*Proved 23 Sept., 1557, by three executors, Thomas Hardwicke being dead.*]

#### RICHARD WHARTON.<sup>1</sup>

(xv. j. 371 a.)

In Dei nōie amen: in the year of our lord God m<sup>d</sup>ccccclij, [*blank*] day of Februarij in the first year of the Reigne of our sou'aigne lady Marye by the grace of God of Englande, France, and Irelande quene, &c. I Richarde Wharton, beinge in hooll mynde and of good memorye but seke in body, dothe ordayne & maike this my last wyll and testament in maner and forme followynge. First I bequeathe my soull to allmyghtie God, our lady saynt Marye, and to all the celestially company in heauen, and my body to be buried in the church or church yerde wher yt please Allmyghtie God to call me to his m'eye. Item I giue and bequeathe vnto my brother Edward all my hool tytle and inter[e]st that I haue by vertue of one Lease in Bryreyflatt vpon this condiçon, that he the said Edward shall content and pay vnto James Wharton my brother as p'cell of this my last will xl<sup>s</sup>. And also vnto John Wharton son of the sayd Jaymes as of my bequest xxvj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, and the same to be paid w<sup>th</sup>in two yeaeres next and ymediatlye after my decesse. Also I wyll and bequeathe vnto my cosyn George Wharton the sōme of fowerscoore poundē, all my hool tytle, right and interest that ever I had of all my landē in Newton, the whiche said sōme of lxxx<sup>li</sup> the said George couēntethe to pay vnto me or vnto myne executors or assignes, and the same to pay all my dettē and legacies of this my last wyll, and the remaynder therof to remayne in the handē of myne executors. Item I gyve vnto fyve chyl dren of Alex-

(1) Son of Thomas Wharton, of Leathley, for whose will see vol. six, p. 218, *ante*.

ander Reyne eu'y of them vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, and eu'y one of them to be others hayres. Item I gyve vnto my brother Nycholas iij<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Item I gyve to iij children of my brother James eu'y of them vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, and vnto Wy<sup>l</sup>m his base sonne iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue vnto sex chyl dren of my brother Mawes eu'y of them vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It' I gyve vnto myne aunte Banester doughter iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Item I gyve vnto Sand<sup>r</sup> Elletwhart iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Item I gyve and bequeathe vnto my brother Casson, G'ce my suster hys wyfe, and Isabell ther dought<sup>r</sup>, iij<sup>li</sup>. Item I giue and bequeathe vnto my brother Moyses and Agnes my syster his wyfe iij<sup>li</sup>. Item I giue to yngram Moyses x<sup>s</sup>. Item I bequeathe to Myles Bradley my kynseman x<sup>ls</sup>. Item I giue vnto my brother Syr P'eyvall my bay gelding. Item to eu'y of my godechildren xij<sup>d</sup>. Item to the poore folke of Leathley at the discretyon of myne executors v<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. It' I giue to litle John Steide xij<sup>d</sup>. Item to Agnes Jenkynson wyfe to Xpofer Browne xij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue to Xtopher Bampton iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Item I gyve to the churche of Leathley for the maintenance of Gods s'vice iij<sup>s</sup>. Item to the highe wayes ther iij<sup>s</sup>, yt to be distributed wher my cosyn Lyndley, my brother Moyses, and my brother James shall thynke most nedefull. Item I giue to eu'y of Sadler children xij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue to George Sadler man xx<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue to Grace Tele and her children vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Item I gyve to Wy<sup>l</sup>m Morehouse iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Item to Elene Stockdaill iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Item to Wy<sup>l</sup>m Stockdaill yonger I gyue iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Item I giue to Thomas Dūwell xij<sup>d</sup>. Item to Thomas Couper, of Casteley, ij<sup>s</sup>. Item I gyve to the poore folk in Castley ij<sup>s</sup>. It' I giue my hostes Warde v<sup>s</sup>. It' I giue to John Cawdrowe and Elsabethe his suster v<sup>s</sup> betwixte them. It' I giue to M'gerye Cooke xij<sup>d</sup>. Item to John Bradley that was my hostes s'unte vj<sup>d</sup>. It' I giue to Bery wyfe of Stayne burne iij<sup>d</sup>. It' to Thomas Wharton my brother Edward sonne iij<sup>li</sup>. Item I gyve and bequeathe vnto George Wharton my cosyn vj<sup>li</sup> xij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Item to my brother James I gyve xx<sup>s</sup> and my bay nag. It' I gyve to John Wharton, James sonne, xx<sup>s</sup>. It' I wyll and comēde George Wharton and my brother Edward as they wyll answer to pay iij<sup>li</sup> x<sup>s</sup> for me wheras I haue bydden them. It' I gyve to Peter Wharton vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It' to Edward Wharton my gray mayre. Item I giue to my brother Moyses my fillye. The Residewe of all my goode not bequeathed, my dette paid, my fun'all expenses maide, I giue vnto my brother Edward and my brother Moyses to se all this my last wyll be fulfilled, whom I ordayne and make myne executors. I[n] wytnes wherof to this my last wyll I haue setto my signe manuell the day and yeare aboue-saide. Thes berynge wytnes, Thomas Faux, Peter Wharton, John Cawdro, Myles Bradley, and John Wharton, wythe other, Nycholas Reyne, Richard Pearson, Wi<sup>l</sup>m Mathewe, Alexand<sup>r</sup> Hopton.—[*Proved 28 Sept., 1557, by Edward Wharton, Moses renouncing.*]

MYLES MAWSON, OF SNOWDEN, WESTON.

(xv. j. 371 a.)

In Dei nōie amen: Anno D'ni mīlmo quīquagesimo septimo, terço Augusti. I Myles Mawson, of Snadon of the pishe of Weston, whole of mynd and memory, ordenethe and makethe this to be my wyll and testament in forme as dothe followe. Fyrst I bequeathe my soull vnto Allmyghtye God my maker and redemer, and my body to be earthed w<sup>thin</sup>

the churche yerde of Weston. It'm I wyll that my goodē be devided in three pte accordinge to the lawe, that ys, one to my selfe, seconde to my wyfe, and my thyrde pte to my thre doughters. Item I giue to my curate in discharge of my conscience for tythes forgotten xx<sup>d</sup>. The residewe of my goodē, ordinaries, fun'alls & legacies discharged, I gyve vnto my thre doughters, and I make Isabell my wyfe, Margaret, Agnes, and Elsabethe Mawson, my doughters, thexecutors of this my last wyll and testament, and I hartelye desyre my landē lorde and Robert Richardson to be supervisors of this my said wyll. Wytnessethe, Martyn Wardeman, my curate, John Lyndley, gentleman, Robert Richardson, Edward Mawson.—  
[Proved 27 Sept., 1557.]

JOHN BOSWELL, OF SHERBURN.

(xv. j. 371 a.)

In the name of God Amen: The xiiij<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our lord God m<sup>d</sup>ccccclvij. I John Bosswell [of Sherburn—*Act Book*], hooll of mynd and seke of body, beyng of good and pfett memorye, make this my last wyll and testament in maner and forme followynge. Fyrst I bequeathe my soull vnto God allmyghtie and vnto the blessed virgyn our lady saynt Marye and vnto all the celestyall company of heauen, my body to be buried in the churche porche of Allhallowes even agaynst sant Mayng quere dore. I bequeathe to the churche workes for lyenge ther ijs. Item I gyve vnto the said churche [*sic*]. Item I gyve vnto the sayd church wardens to lye one stone of mee iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Item I bequeathe to hym that wrytes my name of the sayd stone xx<sup>d</sup>. Item I bequeath vnto the hyghe alter xx<sup>d</sup>. Item I wyll that yf yt shall chance that ever saynt Antony light goo vpp and be founde agayne that my executrix shall gyve thervnto iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. I wyll that yf yt shall chance me for to dye at thys tyme that Thomas Stedman and Thomas Hallane yf he marye my doughter shall haue two pte of my donge hill and one flatt called claye flatt w<sup>th</sup> one acer called Dame Agnes Raws for to sett the seyde donge one. Item I bequeathe vnto Alys my wyfe the thyrde parte of my said dounge hill w<sup>th</sup> one acre called goore acre. I bequeathe to Thomas Stedmā vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Item to Effam hys wyfe vj<sup>s</sup> vj<sup>d</sup>, and vnto eu'y one of his chylden iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. I bequeathe vnto John Loundisdaill my sonne in lawe xl<sup>s</sup> whiche he ded clame gyven acquyttance vnto my executrix for the same. I bequeathe to Agnes Talier my s'unte one mette of wheate and a wyndle of malte wythe mythe [*sic*] my wyfe rewarde. I bequeathe to Robt Felde the yonger xvj<sup>s</sup> whiche ys in his fathers handē to fynde hym at schole. All the residewe of my goodē not gyven nor bequeathed, my dette paid and fun'all expenses fynyshe, paid and ended, I gyve vnto Agnes my wyfe, whome I make my hole and full executrix of thys my last wyll and testament. Item that she shall gyve vnto my doughter Agnes in maraige x<sup>li</sup> vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>, and my brother psons rewarde for her chylde portion. Item I wyll that my executrix shall pay vnto the said Agnes my doughter and Tho<sup>m</sup>s Allyne yf that he marye her iij<sup>li</sup> w<sup>th</sup>in two yeaes seu'allye at the feast of Trenytie wehe iij<sup>li</sup> ys in the handē of Symon Barmbye of the holl so<sup>m</sup>e of x<sup>li</sup> whiche he owethe vnto [me]. The Residewe of the said x<sup>li</sup> aforesaid, iij<sup>li</sup> paid as aforesaid, I giue vnto Ales my wyfe. Item I bequeathe vnto my brother mayster pson Hall one pese of golde of the so<sup>m</sup>e of x<sup>s</sup>,

and I gyve vnto my sonne Mr. Thomas Bosswell one colte. Item I wyll that my said brother and my said sonne shalbe supvisors of thys my last wyll hartely desyrynge them to be good vnto my wyfe. Wytnesses, Sir Rychard Hemsley, John Charley, Thomas Stedman, John Gylson.—  
[*Proved 28 Sept., 1557.*]

AGNES SYKES, OF SOUTH MILFORD.

(xv. j. 371 b.)

In the name of God Amen: The fyrst day of August in the year of our lorde God m<sup>d</sup>ccccclvij. I Agnes Sykes, of southe Mylforthe, hooll of mynde, seke of body, beyng of good pfett memorye, makethe this my last wyll & testament in manner and forme followynge. Fyrst I bequeathe my soull vnto God allmyghtye, to our lady saynt Mary, and all the celes-tiall companye of heauen, my body to be buryed in saynt Thomas queare in the churche of Alhallowes. I bequeathe to the blessed sacrament vj<sup>d</sup>. I bequeathe to Robert Flansall one cove. To Jenne Flansall one cove. I wyll that my best bed be sold and xij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> be bestowed in dirige and masse for to be done for my soull & all chrysten soules, and other xij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup> to be bestowed of the poore people in wheat brede and good aile. I gyve to Anne Tomplynson one greate brasse pott. Allso to Luce Tomplynson two cou'lette and one mattres. All the rest of my goodē that Thomlynson hathe in hys handē to be distributed amongst his children. I bequeath to John Sykes my best Arke. The Residew of all my goodē I gyve to Thomas my sonne and Jennett my doughter, whome I make myne executors of this my last wyll. I wyll that Thomas Lethome and Henry Lethome shall be the supvisors of this my last wyll for the behofe of my doughter Jennett and ether of them to haue xij<sup>d</sup> for ther labors. I bequeathe to Henry Lethome one coverlett. I bequeathe to Jennett Flansall my best gyrdle, one payre of beade. I bequeathe to Luce Thomplynson one payre of beede, one gyrdell nexte to my best, and my best gowne. I bequeathe to Jennett one kyrtle, a gowne, a coūter, a coborde, a longe borde, one paynted clothe in the hall, also a kymnell, a kneadinge trouge, and one horse. The residewe of my goodē vnbequeathed I giue to Thomas my sonne and Jennett my doughter, whome I maike myne executors. I bequeathe to Richard Hemsley a towell of new clothe. Wytness<sup>s</sup>, Ric<sup>t</sup> Hemsley, Thomas Lethome, John Dowson, Henry Lethome, Thomas Sykē.—[*Proved 28 Sept., 1557.*]

THOMAS WILKINSON, OF ALLERTON.

(xv. j. 371 b.)

In the name of God Amen: In the year of our Lord god a m<sup>d</sup>ccccclvij, the xx<sup>tie</sup> day of August. I Thomas Wylkinson, of Allerton w<sup>th</sup>in the pyshe of Kepax, beyng of hoolle mynde and of good and pfett memorye, makethe this my last wyll and testament in maner and forme followynge. Fyrst I bequeathe my soull to Allmyghtye God, to our lady saynt Marye, and to all the blessed company of heauen, and my body to be buryed in the pyshe churche yeard of our lady in Kepax. Item I giue and bequeathe to my sonne Thomas my farmeholde at Wytt wood duryng the yeares in my lease in full contentaçon of his chylde porçon, and my wyfe to sawe the hardeorne ther, and Thomas my sonne to agre wythe her for the same.



and he to enter to the said farmeholde at Wyttwood after chrystenmas next ensuyng and then to gyve his mother a gen'all quyttance. Also I wyll that Katheren my wyfe haue my farmeholde at Allerton as longe as she kepethe her wedowe to bringe vp my children wythall. And yf she marye then I will that one of my sonnes haue yt whiche John Ridiall and Thomas Fremā thinke most meyte for it, and to bring vpp his bretheren and susters vnto they come to lafull aige. Item I wyll that Wyhm Longefeilde and hys wyfe and the longer lyver of them haue all suche lande w<sup>ch</sup> the said W<sup>m</sup> Longefelde hathe thoccupa<sup>cion</sup> of at this present tyme belongynge to my farmehold. The residewe of my goodē not bequest, my dette paid and my fun'all expenses discharged, I gyve to Katheren my wyfe, whome I make my full and sole executrix of this my last wyll and testament. Thes beyng wytnes, John Ridiall, Thomas Freman, and Wihm Longefeilde, wythe other moo.—[27 Sept., 1557.]

CHRISTOPHER FIELDE, OF WAKEFIELD, MERCER.

(xv. ij. 37 a.)

In the name of God amen: The viij<sup>th</sup> day [of] Julie in the year of our lord God 1557 and in the fourthe and fyft yeares of the Reigne of our sou'aigne lord and lady Philipp and Mary by the grace of God kinge and quene of Englande, Spayne, France, bothe Cicilies, Jerusalem, and Ireland, Defenders of the faythe, Archeduke of Austria, Duke of Myllane, Burgunde, and Braybant, Counties of Haspurge, Flanders, and Tyrolls. I Chřofer Feylde, of Waikefelde in the countye of Yorke, marcer, hooll and sounde in body and of good and pfett remembrance, laude and prayse be gyven to God, do ordayne, constitute, and make this my last wyll and testament in maner and forme hereafter followynge. Fyrst I giue and comēde my synfull soull into thande of my savior and redemer Jesus Christe, throughe whose most paynefull deathe and bytter passion I truste of all my synnes to haue free p'don, and my body to buryed wythin the pyshe churche of Wakefelde as nyghe vnto the place wher my wyfe was buryed as conveyentlye may be. And I wyll that my executors shall cause a troughe stone wythe a remembrance of my selfe, wyfe, and chyl-dren in pycketures of brasse to be set vpon and layd vpon the grave as shortlye after my buryall as they may conveyentlye.<sup>1</sup> Also I wyll, give and bequeathe vnto Eliz. Watkinson my daughter, now wyfe of Henry Watkinson, one hundrethe poundes. Also I wyll, giue and bequeathe vnto Katheren Atkinson my doughter, now wyfe of Richard Atkinson, one hundrethe marke. Also I giue and bequeathe vnto Anne Browne, doughter of the said Katheren, x<sup>li</sup>, and vnto Beatrice Thepland v<sup>li</sup>, and vnto eu'ry other of the chyl-dren of the said Elisabeth Watkinson that she nowe hathe levinge at the day of the date and makinge of this my last wyll and testament fyve marke to be paid to eu'ry of them by my executors as they shall come to ther full aiges of xxj<sup>th</sup> yeares or otherwyse be maryed. Also I giue and bequethe vnto Eliz. Atkinson, doughter of the sayd Katheren, v<sup>li</sup>, to be paid by my executors when she shall accomplishe her full aige of xxj<sup>th</sup> yeares or els maryed. Also I gyve and bequeathe vnto my brother Nycholas Feylde yf he be lyvyng the somē of v<sup>li</sup>. Also

(1) See Walker's *Cathedral Church of Wakefield*, p. 211.

I wyll, giue and bequeathe vnto Edward Crawshawe xx<sup>d</sup>, and vnto Wyllm Hamelay fyve marke, and vnto Roger Jowett and Nycholas Jowett ether of them xx<sup>s</sup>. Allso I wyll eu'ry of my syster children shall haue vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> apece. Roger Jowet and Nycholas execepte, P'eyvall Feilde xx<sup>s</sup>, and vnto Eliz. Morgane, layte wyfe of Xpofer Alane, xx<sup>s</sup>, and vnto mynchewe the capper of Nontwiche x<sup>s</sup>, and to Robert Graue xl<sup>s</sup> yf he be in my s'uice the day of my deathe, and to eu'ry one of my other s'unte vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Allso I wyll that my executors shall yerly by the space of three yeares after my deathe dispose emongest the most poore and nedye people w<sup>th</sup>in the towne of Wakefelde every yeare the so<sup>m</sup>e of fyve marke, and allso I wyll that my executors by the discretion of my supvisors hereafter named shall wythin one yeare nexte after my deathe bestowe in eu'ry of the thre stretes in Wakefelde the so<sup>m</sup>e of fyve pounde towarde the amendement of the pavement. Allso I giue and bequeathe vnto Xpofer Hamylyn fyve marke. Also I giue vnto Mathewe Feilde my sonne my salte wythe a cover of sylver doble gylte. Also I bequeathe vnto Henry Watkynson a flatt peece of sylver peell gilte, and vnto Katheren Atkynson my doughter a standynge peece of sylver peell gylte. Also I bequeathe vnto my sonne Mathewe wyfe a drynkinge cupp of sylver wythe a cover p'cell gylte. Allso to Xpofer my sonne a small mayser. The residewe of all my goode, cattalls, and dette before not gyven nor bequeathed, after my dette and fun'alls paide & discharged, I gyue vnto Mathewe Feilde my sonne and haire, whome I do ordayne, constitute, and make my sole and onlye executor of thys my last wyll and testament, and he to dispose the same at his discretion. And furthermore I do ordayne, constitute, and make Henry Gryce, gentleman, Wyllm Feilde, my brother, and John Asheley, of Thorpehall, yomā, the supvisors of thys my last wyll and testament, and vnto eu'ry of them I give and bequeathe the so<sup>m</sup>e of fyve marke and a gowne. In wytnes wherof unto this my present last wyll and testament I the said Xpofer Feylde haue subscribed my owne name, the day and yeres aboue wrytten. In the presence of the sayd Henry Gryce, Wyllm Feilde, John Ashlay, and others.—[*Proved* 18 Dec., 1557.]

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ALICE SAXTON.

(xv. ij. 49 b.)

In the name of God Amen: I Alice Saxton, the xxij<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our lord God 1557, do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followynge. Fyrst I bequeathe my soull vnto allmyghtye God, to our lady Marye, and to all the saynte in heauen, and my body to be buryed in the churche yerde of saynt Peter at Leedes. Inp'mis I bequeathe to Xpofer Saxton my sonne xl<sup>s</sup>. It to Wyllm Saxton my sonne xx<sup>s</sup>. It to John Saxton my sonne vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. The residewe of all my goode vnbequeathed I giue to Thomas Saxton and Henrye Saxton my sonnes, whome I make my full executors of thys my last wyll and testament. It I giue and bequeath to Cicilie Saxton my doughter vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> and a belte. It to Richard Saxton my sonne vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Thes beyng wytnesses of the same, Wyllm Wylson, thelder, Wyllm Wylson, yonger, Rauffe Sympson, withe other mo.—[*Proved* 1 Dec., 1557.]

## JAMES WOODROFFE, OF PURSTON JACKLINGE, GENT.

(xv. ij. 53 a.)

In the name of God Amen: the xxx<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lorde God a m<sup>d</sup>v<sup>cl</sup>vij. I James Woodroffe, gent., of Pryston Jacklynge and of the pyshe of Fetherston, seke in body but hole of mynde, thankē be to God, dothe ordayne and make this my last wyll and testament in maner and forme followynge. Fyrst and principally I giue and bequeathe my soull to God allmyghtye my maker and redemer, to his blessed mother o<sup>r</sup> lady saynt Mary, and to all the celestyall company of heauen, and my body to be buryed in the Lady quere of the churche of Fetherston near whear as my two wyves were buryed. Item I giue vnto the hye alter to be prayed for and for tythes forgotten yf any be xij<sup>d</sup>. The residewe of all my goodē and cattallē, my dette paid and I honestlye brought furthe, I giue and bequeathe to Richard Woodroffe and his children, whiche Ric<sup>d</sup> I make my full executor. Thes wytnes, Edward Wormall, clerke, Nycholas Eu'yngham, Robert Heptonstall, and Nycholas Shelytoo, thelder, wythe other moo.—[*Proved 13 Dec., 1557.*]

## WILLIAM DUFFAN, OF HOUGHTON.

(xv. ij. 53 b.)

In the name of God Amen: The last day of October, Annis regnor<sup>t</sup> Phillippi et Marie Regis et Regine quarto et quito. I Wyłm Duffan, of Houghton wythin the countye of Yorke, hole of mynde and of good remembrance, make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followynge. Fyrst I bequeathe my soull vnto allmyghtye God and to the prayer of the blessed virgyn Mary and all the holy company of heauen, and my body to be buryed within the pyshe churche yerde of Castelfurthe. Item I bequeathe vnto Thoñs Huscrofte xx<sup>s</sup>. Item I bequeathe vnto Wyłm Batlay xx<sup>s</sup>, and ether of them to be well arayed of my owne proper goodē. Item I wyll that Edward Huscroft cast in all suche quicke good as he had of me at his maraige or synce and then to be one of my children. Item I wyll that John Duffan my doughter three quarters of barlye over and besydes her childe porcōn. Item I giue to Anne Batlay my syster one mette of wheate. Item I giue to Robert Huscrofte one ewe and one lambe. Item I wyll that my goodē be equallye devided in thre pte, and my wyfe to haue one pte, and my children an other pte emongeste them, and the thyrde to remayne to pay my dette and bequeste and to discharge my fun<sup>al</sup>l expenses, and yf any remayne I wyll that yt be equallye deuyded emongest Jennett my wyfe, John Duffan and Thomas Duffan my sonnes, Edward Huscroft my sonne in lawe, and Elsabethe Duffan my doughter, whome I ordayne and make executors of this my last will and testament. [Witnesses], Robert Bradforthe, Robert Flemynge, and Wyłm Nellson.—[*Proved 13 Dec., 1557. Grant reserved to Thomas Duffan.*]

WILLIAM HYDE, OF PONTEFRAC<sup>t</sup>, BUTCHER.

(xv. ij. 53 b.)

In Dei nōie Amen: The xiiij<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our lord God 1557. I Wyłm Hyde, of Pontefract, butcher, seke in body, hole in mynde and pfett in remembrance, makethe this my last wyll and testa-

ment in maner and forme followynge. Fyrst I giue and bequeathe my soull to God Allmyghty my maker and redemer and to the blessed company in heauen, and my body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the churche yerd of Allhallowes in Pontefract. It' I giue to John Pynderson vjs viij<sup>d</sup>. It' I giue to Anne P'lington xx<sup>s</sup>. It' I giue to Anne Hyde xvj<sup>s</sup>. It' I giue to Eliz. Hyde, to Margerye Hyde, to Thomas Hyde, and to John Hyde, iij<sup>li</sup> emongest them. It' I giue to Alison Hyde my wife my house in Baxstergayt for the terme of her lyfe, and yf nede requyre to sell yt provided allways that yf she do mary that then the house shall not be solde but remayne to Thomas Hyde my sonne and to his hayres for ever after her decesse. It' I giue to Richard Baytson my gray gowne. It' I make Thomas Everington, Bonyface Savege, Richard Baitson, the supervisors of this my last wyll to se that yt be fulfilled and kepte. All the reste of my goodē vnbequeathed, my dette paid, my fun'all expenses maide the day of my buryall, I giue to Alyson my wyfe, whome I make and ordayne my sole executrix. Wytnesses hearof, Anthony Flemynge, clerke, Thomas Pearson.—[*Proved 13 Dec., 1557.*]

GEORGE DYMONDE, OF WAKEFIELD, CLOTHIER.

(xv. ij. 53 b.)

In the name of God Amen: The year of our lorde God a thousand fyve hundrethe fyfthe and seaven and the xij<sup>th</sup> day of September. I George Dymonde, of Wakefelde wythin the countye of Yorke, clothyer, seke of body and of good and pfett remembrance, do ordayne and make this my last testament and wyll in maner & forme followinge. Fyrst I comēde my soull into the hande of allmightie God my redemer and saviour, to our blessed lady saynt Marye, and to all the sayntē in heauen, and my body to be buried w<sup>th</sup>in the churche of Allhallowes in Wakefelde. Also I bequeathe vnto the blessed sacrament for all forgotten tythes xij<sup>d</sup>. The residewe of all my goodē moveable and not moveable I giue vnto Eliz. my wyfe & my children whiche I make my full executors, they for to discharge my debtē and my fun'all expenses and for to dispose for the healthe of my soule and all X<sup>p</sup>ian soules. Also I make Olyver Dymonde, thelder, Robert Dymonde, and Gylbert Dymonde, supvisors of this my wyll and testament. Thes beyngē wytness<sup>s</sup>, Sir Richarde Seyll, prest, S<sup>r</sup> William Baull, prest, John Burrye, John Ray, yonger.—[*Proved 13 Dec., 1557, by the widow. Grant reserved to the children, minors.*]

WILLIAM NAYLOR, OF WOODKIRK.

(xv. ij. 54 b.)

In the name of God amen: the vij<sup>th</sup> day of October and in the year of our lord god 1557. I Wy<sup>l</sup>m Nayler, of the pishe of Woodkyrke wythin the countye of Yorke, clothyer, seke in body and hooll in mynde and of good memorye, makethe this my last wyll in maner and forme followynge. Fyrst I bequeathe my soull vnto allmyghtie god, our Lady saynt Mary, and to all the hole company of heauen, and my body to be buried wythin the churche yerd of our Lady at Woodkyrke or els whear yt shall please allmyghtie god to call me vnto his mercie, &c. Item I giue to the churche towardē buyinge of a chalessē xij<sup>d</sup>. Item I bequest to Thomas my brother

a jackett, a dublett, a payr hoyse and my best capp, and viij<sup>s</sup> of money. Item I bequeath to John my brother a jakett of shepe color, a lether dublett, a payr of hoyse, a payr of showes, a payr of my best sheares, two shyrtē, and xvj<sup>s</sup> of money. Allso I wyll that John my brother haue hys cowe agayne, whiche ys in the hande of James Grene wyfe, and I giue hym myne expenses whiche comethe to xvj<sup>s</sup>. Item I giue to Bryan Adcoke my best dublett, and to his wyfe a shete, and to Jenet my syster a pan or els x<sup>s</sup>. Item to John Webster my best jackett. It' to the poore people w<sup>th</sup>in the pyshe of Wodkyrke ij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Residewe of all my goodē not gyven and bequest I giue them to Katheren my wyfe and my childe (yf she be w<sup>th</sup> chylde), whome I make my full executors. Wytnes of the same, Laurence Nayler, Thomas Bradlay, and John Burghe.—[*Proved 13 Dec., 1557, by the widow. Grant reserved to unborn child.*]

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AGNES SAWER, OF SHERBURN, WIDOW.

(xv. ij. 84 a.)

In Dei nōie Amen: The xvij<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our lord God a thousand fyve hundreth fyfye and seven. I Agnes Sawyer, of Shereborne, wydowe, hole of mynd and memorye, doo ordayn and constitute and make thys my testament and last wyll in manner and forme hereafter folowyng. Fyrst I gyve and bequethe my Sowle vnto Allmyghtye God whoo suffered deathe apon The Crosse for the redempcion of me and all synfull Creaturs, and my Bodye to be Buried wythin the pysshe Churchē yeard of Shereburne. It'm I gyve and bequeth to the blyssed Sacrament xij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I gyve and bequyth to the vicar my Curett ij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I gyve and bequyth to Sr Robert Blaunche ij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I gyve to Syr John Tayllyer ij<sup>s</sup>. It'm I gyve and bequeth to Alys Herlyng my doughter xx<sup>s</sup>. It'm I gyve and bequythe to my doughter Jane Holdell xx<sup>s</sup>. It'm I gyve and bequythe to Elysabeth Holdell my doughter xx<sup>s</sup>. It'm I gyve to Jenett my doughter xx<sup>s</sup>. It'm I gyve to John Holdall my son vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I gyve to Agnes Holdell, my son Robert doughter, vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I gyve to my brother Henrye Wylson vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I gyve and bequethe to Wylliam Herlyng my son in law one bay mare. It'm I gyve to my syster Margaret Horburye ij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. It'm I gyve to Thomas Barmbye, Stepham Hebden, and John Hebden, beyng wytnesses hereof, to euerye one of theyme iiij<sup>d</sup>. The resaydeu of my goodē moveable and vnmoeable here vnbequeathed I gyve and bequethe vnto Lawrence Holdell my sone and Agnes Holdell my doughter, whom I doo ordeyn, constitute, and make my Executors of thys my testament and laste wyll, and also I doo make M<sup>r</sup> Vicar and Thomas Morret the super vysors hereof. Thes beyng wytnesses, Syr Rychard Emsleye, vicare, Thomas Morret, Thomas Barmbye, Stephan Hebden, and John Hebden, wyth others.—[*Proved 1 Dec., 1557.*]

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THOMAS WARD, OF OVER YEADON.

(xv. ij. 84 a.)

In the nayme of God Amen: The iiij<sup>th</sup> day of Marche in the year of our lord God 1556. I Thomas Ward of Oueryeadon wythin the peryshyng of Gyeslay, seke in bodye, perfyte of mynd and memorye, do make my last wyll and testament as hereafter foloweth. Fyrst I bequeath my soull to

God Almyghtye, to the blessed vyrgyn Marye, and to all the holye Companye of heauen, and bodye to be buryed within the paryshe Church of Seynt Osswold at Gyeslaye. Itm I wyll that all my goodē quicke and deade be deuyded into iij parte, of the whych iij parte I bequeyeth one parte to Alys my wyff, The second part to my children, and the thyrd part to myselffe, the whych thyrd part, my funerall Charge deducted frome the same, I bequeath to my chyldren equallye to be devided emonge theym. Also I wyll that Alys my wyff have the vse of my fermhold enduryng her wedohede to the bryngyng vp of my Chyldren. Also I wyll that the said Alys my wyfe haue the ordre of my chyldren and ther porcyons, yf she do not marye, vnto they come to lawfull age. And yf yt fortune the said Alys to marye at any tyme then I wyll that Wyllyam Ward my sonne or any other of my sonnes whiche than shalbe myne eldest sonne lyvyng, shall haue my farmhold. Also I do make Alys my wyfe and my chyldren my executors, provyded always that yf Alys my wyf ether do marye at any tyme, or yf she be called oute of thys world to Gods marcy, before my eldest sonne than lyvyng be xxj yeares of age, then that John Yeadon, of Westcarlton, my landlord, and Thomas Marshall, of Westeshholt, my brother in law, as my most trustye and faithfull frend, haue and vse my farmehold for the most profett of the bryngyng vp of my Chyldren vnto my eldest sonne cum to lawfull age as ys aboue sayd, p'vided also in lyke maner y<sup>t</sup> yf the sayd Alys eyther do marye or dye before my Chyldren cum to lawfull age, than the aboue named John Yeadon and Thomas Marshall haue the order of my chyldren and ther porcyones vnto the sayd chyldren cum to lawfull age, at whiche lawfull age I charge the sayd John and Thomas to delyuer my farmhold to my eldest sonne than lyvyng and hys po[r]tyon, also and to my other chyldren all such goodē as the sayd John and Thomas hayth or had receyved for the same any thyng in thys wyll to the contrary notwithstanding. Also I wyll that my lease and intreast of the stonne howse wyth two naut gayth in the lee feld, one garthe called pryor garth, and all such land as doth belong to the same stonne house, be delyvered by the dyscretyn and consent of the aboue named John and Thomas to such on of my chyldren as they shall thynke most to haue ned therof at lawfull age. Also I bequeyeth to the Church workes at Gyeslay iij<sup>s</sup> iijj<sup>d</sup>. Also I wyll y<sup>t</sup> all such sommes of money as I haue payd before hand for rentē of my farmhold and stonne howse to my landlord John Yeadon or Wylffryd Colyer be as my other goodē and be devyded as ys abouesayd. Recordē, Wyhm Boys, pson, Chrystopher Sugden, Wyhm Ilcocke, Wyhm Foster.—[*Proved 6 Dec., 1557, by the widow. Grant reserved to the children, minors.*]

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MARGERIE BRAMHAM, OF LEDSTONE.

(xv. ij. 84b.)

In the name of God Amen: The xvij<sup>th</sup> day of Novembre In the year of our lord god 1557. I Margere Bramham of Ledstone, being of holle mynd and of good memorye, makethe this my last wyll and testament in maner and forme followynge. Furst I bequyethe my soule to almyghtye God, to oure Laydye Sanct Mary, and to all the Celestiall Companye of heauen, and my bodye to be buryed in the Churche yerde of our ladye in Kepax. Itm. I bequyethe to the blyssed sacrament ther xij<sup>d</sup>. Also







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